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# March of Events

● The Wycliffe Translators are planning to send teams of translators into Papua and the Australian Trust Territory of New Guinea. Three Wycliffe representatives recently spent several weeks surveying the field and conferring with Administration officials about the possibility of making linguistic studies and doing literacy and Bible translation work. Wycliffe reports that the territory to be served has more languages without the Scriptures than almost any other comparable area in the world. The latest government language list names 471 languages in Papua and Australian New Guinea, two of which have the whole Bible; ten more have the whole New Testament, and 39 more have only some lesser portion of the Bible. This leaves 420 languages with no part of the Scriptures.

● To mark the centenary of mission work in Tibet, the Moravian Church organized a ceremony at Leh, at which Christians remembered, and the heathen were shown the spirit of love and sacrifice which had slowly built up a Christian community in this remote corner of the globe. The church building has been doubled in size as a part of the centenary observance. The Church in Ladak is comparatively strong, and is pointed out as an example among other Christian groups scattered in Kashmir; but it has a problem of leadership. This Ladak Church, in 1953, expressed a desire to join the United Church of North India, a body which—though composed of various denominations—has the advantage of being a living, native church; and the Ladak Church has been formally accepted within the United Church.

● The sudden growth of television in Latin America has led to the establishment of a Television Commission by the Latin American Mission. Nearly 50 TV Stations are now on the air in Latin America, and new ones are opening almost every day. They reach an audience of from five to ten million viewers, on about a million receiving sets. While these stations are new, their operators are eager for anything to telecast, and will accept Gospel programs. A half hour Gospel program is now being telecast, free of charge, on a new station in Guatemala, in Spanish. It is not easy to prepare high quality material, but the Latin American Mission hopes to provide short Gospel "commercials" for use throughout the Spanish-speaking world, in co-operation with religious film producers in the United States, and with local sponsors.

● A Presbyterian pastor at Cincinnati, Ohio, made a strong plea from his pulpit for persons to will their eyes to the sightless. And 20 persons in his congregation indicated a desire to do so. In the audience when the Rev. Milo Beran made the appeal was a 29-year-old transit company worker whose sight was restored recently by a cornea transplantation, and the young surgeon who performed the operation. The pastor said: "We have given our tithes, and it has not hurt us; our blood, and it was good for us; our love, and we have grown by it. Now, let us take another step and give one of our priceless possessions—our eyes—so that after we are gone someone less fortunate may see what we have had the privilege of seeing these many years." He said the willing of

## Baptist Briefs

● **Baptist missionaries in the Gaza Strip**, reports Dr. George Sadler of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, are staying at their posts. This part of Egypt, now occupied by Israeli troops, has been the scene of serious fighting. There are for the moment four missionaries in Gaza, where the Baptist mission has a hospital. All are reported safe.

● **Baptists in Northern Ireland** have doubled their numbers in the last 50 years, according to a survey made by

one's eyes to the Eye Bank is a generous act, even though it costs us nothing and involves no sacrifice.

● Evangelist Billy Graham told some 1,200 New York civic leaders that his eight-week crusade in New York City next spring is not aimed at "cleaning up" the metropolitan area but sparking a religious revival. "New York's problems are far too complex for any simple solution," he said. "But we do hope that we can reach some people and spark a spiritual revival that can grow to lead it in the direction it needs to go." Graham spoke at a dinner sponsored by the 150-member General Crusade Committee for New York. Its purpose was to introduce him to the people who influence the city's commercial, cultural, and spiritual life and give him an opportunity to outline the campaign's hopes and aims. Among the guests were John D. Rockefeller II and William Randolph Hearst, Jr. "A spiritually oriented New York can guide the world in the way it must go if we are not to blow ourselves to bits," the evangelist said.

the Irish Baptist Union. In 1905 there were 28 churches with a baptized membership of 2,400 but at the end of 1955 the figure had risen to 60 churches and 5,000 members. Contributions to home and foreign missions in 1905 totalled \$2,654, but in 1955 nearly \$28,000 was subscribed.

● **Baptist Work in Mexico City, Mexico**, began in 1884. Today, in a new \$150,000 building, a church of 1,250 members sponsors five missions and six Sunday Schools. Under the leadership of veteran Pastor Alejandro Trevino Ojeda and Lay Pastor Librado Ramos Lozano, the new building was dedicated debt free. Located in the heart of a rapidly progressing city, this church valiantly endeavors to keep pace with changing needs, as it constantly surveys and revamps its program.

● **Baptist Leaders in Bulgaria**. Religious News Service states that according to a report received from Sofia (over Geneva) two of four Evangelical leaders who were sentenced to life imprisonment by a Communist court in March, 1949, have been pardoned and freed. One of the two was identified as Rev. Nikola Mihailov, the leader of the Bulgarian Baptist churches. He was one of fifteen Evangelical leaders arrested and convicted on charges of "high treason, espionage, currency abuses, and relations with foreign military espionage organizations and with representatives of international reaction."

# Editorial

## At the Turn of the Road

WE HAVE COME to another turn in the road of life. We cannot see what is ahead of us, but the turn in the road is there. It reminds us vividly of the inevitable passing of time. With Thomas Chalmers we can say that we might have forgotten two magnitudes if it had not been for this turn in the road—"the shortness of time and the vastness of eternity." The Apostle Paul was aware of this turn in life's road by saying that "now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed" (Romans 13:11).

The close of every year dramatizes the swift and inevitable passing of time. We review the events and experiences of the past year. We take spiritual inventory of our assets and blessings. We realize that many unused opportunities have slipped from our fingers forever. This page of our lives is soon to be recorded in the Book of Life, and that which this year has brought forth for good or ill cannot be changed. We are one year farther removed from the starting point of our birth and one year closer to our heavenly goal.

This turn in the road at the close of 1956 challenges us with the greatness of the days ahead. We cannot discern the actual events ahead of us, but we recognize the crucial times in which we are living. The Apostle Paul was deeply stirred as he wrote: "The night is far spent; the day is at hand" (Romans 13:12). Billy Graham, the evangelist, speaking at the Baptist World Congress in London, England, and at various gatherings since then has called these the most important and crucial years in the world's history.

Listen to the profound words of Walter Lippmann, the columnist: "We are living in great days. We are witnessing the dissolution of the international structure of the postwar world ... The breakup of any order, even so obviously provisional an order as that of the postwar era, is bound to mean widespread disorder—as witness Hungary and Palestine. What we must do is keep in mind the central idea that an order of things is dissolving and that a new order to follow it is now waiting to be conceived and then brought into being."

By whatever words these pending events around the turn in the road are described, the fact remains that great, eventful days are ahead of us in which the Christian witness needs to be heard and seen. Even now we must prepare ourselves to redeem the time that will be so crucially important in 1957.

Best of all, the turn in the road assures us of Christ's power to meet every exigency of life. He is always before us—even at the turn of the road. He equips every soldier in his forces for righteousness and truth. That gives the Christian a triumphant note with which to meet every turn in the road. "Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light" (Romans 13:12). You know that a conqueror's crown awaits you even before you have crossed the new year's threshold. That is God's greeting to you at the turn of the road just ahead!

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bearing precious seed, shall  
less come again with rejoicing  
ing his sheaves *with him.*

PSALM 127

A Family Song of Trust and Toil

EXCEPT the LORD build the house,  
they labour in vain that build  
it: except the LORD keep the city,  
the watchman waketh *but* in vain.

2 *It is vain for you to rise up early,  
to sit up late, to eat the bread of sor-  
rows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.*

3 *Lo, children are an heritage of the  
LORD: and the fruit of the womb is  
his reward.*

4 *As arrows are in the hand of a  
mighty man: so are children of the  
youth.*

5 *Happy the man that hath his  
quiver full of them: they shall not be  
ashamed, if they shall speak with  
the enemies in the gate.*

PSALM 128

Peace and Prosperity of the God-fearing Man.

—Luoma Photo

The reading of God's Word and faithful attendance at the church services are important factors in our soul's prosperity.

IN PSALM 106:15 we find a rather pathetic statement: "And he," referring to God, "gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul."

Could anything be worse to the Christian than to have leanness sent into his soul? You in that kitchen, you in that shop, and you in that store, assuming now that you are a Christian, I ask you, could anything be worse than to have leanness of soul? I trust it is not so with you, but if perchance it is, this message is for you! Listen as I bring you reasons for such leanness of soul.

**SPIRITUAL UNDERNOURISHMENT**

One of the greatest revelations in the Bible of the long-suffering of God is in his dealings with the Israelites in the wilderness journey. He brought them out of Egypt through the Red Sea, and delivered them from the enemies who pursued them. He gave them manna to eat, fresh water from the rock. They built an idol to worship when their leader was on the mountain with God. They murmured against God and against the leader whom he had chosen for them.

Then we read: "They forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel." This people, who were to be God's chosen ones, complained of the way they were being led and of the privations of the journey. They longed after the fleshpots of Egypt. Finally God left them to their own ways, but sent leanness into their souls. Hence the words of our text in Psalm 106:15, "And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul."

Leanness in the Bible is a condition to be abhorred, because it is a result of **undernourishment** or of having one's way, while the fat soul is the healthy or strong one,

Herein lies the reason for the powerlessness of the church and of the average church member of the present day. The average church member is not satisfied with the separation from the world and the things of the world which should be the portion of every true Christian. He wants the position of a Christian, but also some of the so-called advantages of the world. God never forces a man or a woman to do his will, and he sometimes allows his children to have their worldly desires; but with these other things comes a leanness of soul, a sad condition—perhaps YOUR condition!

Leanness in the Christian is a result of two conditions: 1) an unwillingness to be satisfied with Christ only and to be hourly guided by the Holy Spirit; and 2) a neglect of feeding on the Word of God.

**SPIRITUAL FOOD**

Too many Christians are willing to feed their souls one good meal on Sundays and only occasional tidbits during the week. How long could we keep the health of our bodies by treating them in this manner? Our spiritual natures can stay strong and healthy just as long as we give them spiritual food from God's Word.

Why are many prayer meetings so poorly attended? Friends, this is why—because of the leanness of soul of the people.

A recent report on missions told of young people who were ready to go to the foreign field, but their departure was indefinitely delayed because there were no churches to support them. There is imminent need of spiritual revival in our land, but we wonder how many groups of Christians have set themselves to earnest, believing prayer for the work of the Spirit in revival.

Many of our Christian people are sincerely thanking God for material possessions and even for the outward prosperity of the present day. Let us continue to thank God for all he gives us, but let us be certain that none of this is purchased at the price of lean souls.

One of the greatest dangers of this leanness of soul is its subtlety. As one does not add pounds or detract pounds from the physical body overnight, as it were, so the lean soul may come to its state over a period of time. One may not realize what has happened to him because he has gradually cut down on the time spent in Bible reading and prayer, in worship and praise of God. But suddenly he will realize that he has lost the joy and peace that once were his. Take Samson, for instance. Samson's downfall was gradual, and he did not know that his great strength had left him — BUT THE ENEMY KNEW, Oh yes, the enemy knew! And the enemy of your soul will know of the loss of your strength and power in the Lord.

**SPIRITUAL PROSPERITY**

God does not make us lean of soul, but he allows us to become so if we neglect the provision he makes for our completeness in him. One of the greatest blessings of the Christian is a hunger and thirst after righteousness, and such God has promised to satisfy. That is a sign of the fat soul, the healthy soul, the strong one.

Psalms 84:5 says, "Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee." An old violinist was poor, but he owned a violin which never failed to charm others with its beautiful tone. Someone asked the violinist about his instrument. He held it tenderly in his hand and said, "A great deal of sun-"  
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# Leanness of Soul



"I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth"  
(3 John 2)



By REV. FRED MASHNER of the Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, Wisconsin

# Baptists Organize to Help Hungary

A Graphic Story and a Macedonian Call for Help by Dr. Josef Nordenhaug of Switzerland

AUSTRIAN BAPTISTS invited several Baptist representatives to meet with them in Vienna to explore what could be done to aid Hungary. At a meeting in the Baptist Church, Mollardgasse 35, Vienna, on November 10, 1956, a **Baptist Relief Committee for Hungary** was set up consisting of the following members: John Allen Moore, chairman; Franz Birkner, treasurer; Ursula Koester, secretary; William J. Appel, Mrs. William J. Appel, Edwin A. Bell, Arnold Koester, Josef Nordenhaug, and Richard Rabenau.

**THREE REFUGEE CAMPS**

The situation in Hungary is chaotic and the need is staggering. Only limited supplies have so far been permitted to enter the country. The Red Cross and other organizations stand ready at the border with medical supplies, food and clothing. Refugees are reaching Austria at a rate of about 1,200 per day. Up to a recent date, about 100,000 had come into Austria. Although the Austrian - Hungarian border has been closed by Russian military forces, many refugees still succeed in coming across the 75 mile long border.

Vienna with a population of 1,700,000 lies only about one hour's automobile ride from the Hungarian border and about four hours from Budapest. The Austrian authorities have established three "receiving" camps: Traiskirchen, Wiener Neustadt, and Judenau. These have a total capacity of 4730. From there the refugees are sent to about 50 "dispersal" or permanent camps all over Austria. Many have already left Austria for other countries which have established special Hungarian refugee quotas.

Up to November 11 about ten Baptist refugees had sought contact with the Baptists of Vienna, who provided quarters and food for them. Doubtless there are many other Baptists already in the camps.

**BAPTIST RELIEF COMMITTEE**

The newly formed Baptist Relief Committee for Hungary considered its task in two sections: 1. immediate needs, and 2. long range needs. Its first action was to get up three emergency quarters, two in Vienna and one in Salzburg. For these, 20 beds with blankets and linen were needed. The American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention immediately provided the funds needed to purchase the beds. An additional sum for purchase of clothing was given for emergency supplies at the shelters. A supply of medicines and food will be provided as soon as funds begin to arrive.

The Committee felt that the most practical way is to purchase such supplies in Vienna to save transportation costs. The local members also stated that Vienna firms would give substantial discounts, and expressed the hope that foreign contributions in money may be exchanged at a more favorable rate than the normally quoted.

**SEND CLOTHES AND FOOD**

The Committee wishes to emphasize that in addition to gifts of money, it would be happy to receive warm, clean, usable clothing and shoes, pro-

vided they are well packed and the freight is prepaid.

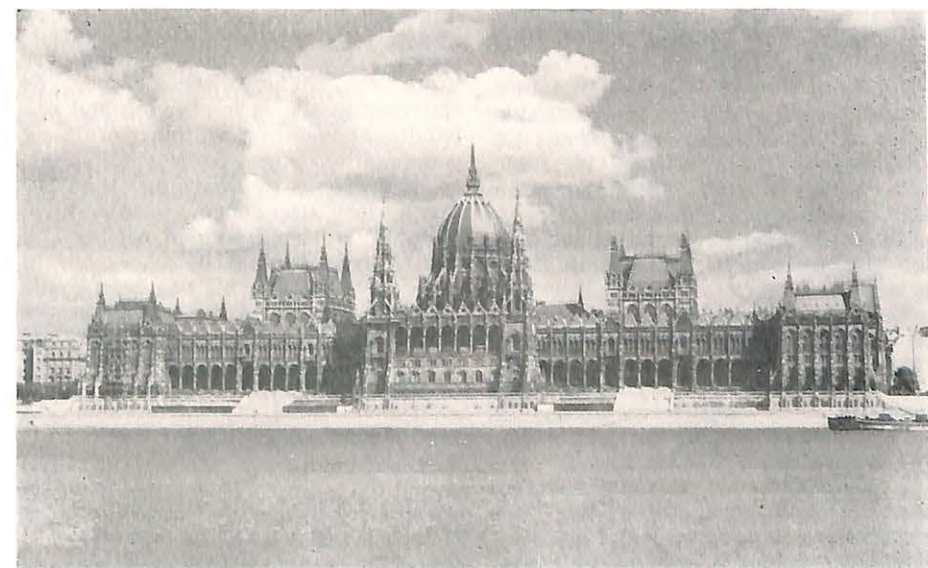
Several countries including Austria have agreed to transport such gift parcels free of charge when clearly marked for Hungarian relief. Non-perishable food such as dried milk, canned goods, and dried fruit would be welcome. Shipments can be addressed to the Baptist Relief Committee for Hungary, Mollardgasse 35, Vienna, Austria. Cash gifts and contributions of money can also be sent to our North American Baptist Headquarters, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill., and will be sent for Hungarian relief as soon as possible.

**HELP URGENTLY NEEDED**

The Relief Committee will work with the Red Cross, the Evangelical Relief Committee and other agencies which may secure government permission to enter Hungary. We hope that substantial shipments from Baptists will be ready at the first opportunity. The long range needs for relief for the population of Hungary, as well as for the refugees, will require enormous amounts of medical supplies, food, and clothing.

The Baptist Relief Committee for Hungary constituted in Vienna expressed the hope that the Baptists all over the world would come to the aid of the suffering Hungarians. It is placing itself at the disposal of the relief committees of the Baptist World Alliance, the European Baptist Federation, and the Baptist Conventions and unions all over the world. Regular reports of needs will be issued as well as reports of receipts and disbursements.

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The Parliament buildings on the banks of the Danube River in Budapest, Hungary, where a great deal of the fighting between the Hungarian patriots and Russian Communists took place.





—Sketch by Harmon  
Our great missionary objective which is Christ's command, "Go ye therefore," is never finished.

## Our Family Is Growing

The Challenge of Our Church Extension Project  
by REV. J. C. GUNST, Promotional Secretary

THE FACT IS KNOWN to all North American Baptists that our General Conference is a large and growing FAMILY fellowship. The purpose of our fellowship has been evangelistic, strong in teaching the basic Christian principles, and ever widening in our missionary outreach. So long as our pastors will continue to preach Christ, our churches win people to Christ and nurture those who believe in Christ in the Christian faith, God will honor our family fellowship by adding to the church daily such as believe.

Our great missionary objective which is Christ's command, "Go ye therefore," is never finished. His followers must never grow weary in well-doing. Our people have never failed in God's work which needed to be done as we look at our history.

### GREAT FAITH VENTURES

Our Conference fellowship has always done well with special missionary projects when the need arose. This was always accomplished through loving interest and united prayer effort. Let us remind ourselves of some of the challenging projects which were carried out in the past:

1. A missionary outreach into four foreign fields and two home mission fields which includes more than 275 churches on the mission field, Bible School, day schools, hospitals, and a farming Co-op. A phenomenal growth with thousands of souls saved and serving him can be reported in these areas.

2. Organizing and building a Christian Training Institute some twelve years ago. God has raised up and is using consecrated pastors and missionaries today who were trained at our Christian Training Institute in Edmonton.

3. The relocation of our Seminary. Today our pastors are getting the training needed to meet the growing demands of God's servants for our time.

4. The Million Dollar Offering.

5. The giving of nearly one million dollars in the Relief Program after World War II.

6. A church building program which has run in excess of ten million dollars for a score of our churches.

And now again a new project of equally great importance:

7. A Church Extension Program.

God challenges his people in his Word: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria"—as well as—"unto the uttermost parts of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Here we are reminded of the urgency to build the Kingdom of God right at home as well as in the foreign fields.

### OUR NEW CHURCHES

For more than two years we have been engaged in the Church Extension program. Seventeen new churches have been organized and built for worship and a Christian training ministry has been started and is progressing very well. God has blessed these new fields in a mighty way. Our people in our churches have given prayerful attention to this need through loving interest and sacrificial giving.

The results, to say the least, are gratifying. Where there were no churches in the ever-growing and expanding communities, there are new congregations that are growing rapidly with some approaching the 300 mark in attendance. Consecrated, talented, and well-trained pastors and church workers are in leadership in these new fields. This has been made possible through united effort on the part of our established churches as they rallied to support the Church Extension Project.

In the Gospel of Matthew we are reminded of Christ's great concern for

CHURCH EXTENSION  
EMPHASIS MONTH  
in January 1957!

those who need salvation: "But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:36-38). Realizing that we are his disciples, we cannot and we must not grow slack or weary at this stage of our missionary responsibility. These new churches in their very infancy are greatly in need of our continued prayers and gifts.

### OUR GOAL THIS YEAR

Our Conference leaders have repeatedly reminded our churches of the goal of \$50,000 required in the year of 1956 and 1957. This sum must be raised if the work of the new churches which has been started is to be carried on and is to grow. In every state and Canadian province our population is growing at a tremendous rate. There are still thousands in new communities where there has been a fabulous growth and where there are no church homes. God has given our people open doors in the states and Canada alike where the fields are ripe unto harvest.

May we sincerely recommend, or urgently and prayerfully invite the churches throughout our fellowship to do the following:

1. Set aside one Sunday in January 1956, preferably the third Sunday of the month, as Church Extension Sunday Emphasis. Make this a special day in your church calendar.

2. Pastors and church leaders are to present the program, stressing the existing need, of the Church Extension Program to our churches.

3. Become acquainted with the Church Extension Program by making a study of the materials prepared by our denominational leaders such as: posters, leaflets, and the articles in our printed literature. Emphasis on Church Extension has appeared in the "Baptist Herald," "Der Sendbote," "Action," "Youth Compass," Junior Mission materials, the "Broadcast," and the "Denominational News Letter."

4. Set aside a period for a time of prayer for the new churches and their leaders.

### CHURCH EXTENSION OFFERING

5. Encourage everyone to search his own heart, challenging such to give serious consideration before God whether or not each one could not share some of the blessings received from God for the important work of Church Extension. All followers of Christ are agreed that one soul is still worth more in eternity than all the riches in the world combined.

6. Lastly, take an offering in your church on the special designated Sun-

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—Luoma Photo  
"We are workers together with God."

# Ten Reasons for Giving

*The Christian at the Cross must sing:  
"Love so amazing, so divine, demands my life,  
my soul, my all"*

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By MR. T. K. THOMPSON of New York, N. Y.

READERS of the "Baptist Herald" are almost invariably leaders in their respective local churches. A part of this leadership in the local church is directly or indirectly related to Christian stewardship. Adequate financial resources must be available for almost any program in the local parish or in the world outreach of the church.

It is useful for Christian leaders to study motives for Christian giving because, psychologically and theological, the "why" of Christian giving is more important than the "how much."

Reinhold Niebuhr has taught a generation of theological students that man's motives are always mixed. There is an element of pride as well as an element of faith in every decision. For the purpose of this article, let us list a number of possible motives, moving gradually from the lower motives for giving to the higher, more nearly Christian motives.

1. **To support an institution.** Many people say they would not live in a community that did not have a church and, as long as a church is necessary, they are glad to support it. We are living in an era of tremendous respectability and social prestige for the church. It is proper for politicians, corporation executives, school teachers, and all leaders in public life to have an active church membership.

Attendance and financial contributions are usually considered adequate symbols of the social propriety of belonging to a church. A great many people support the church as they would a country club. As long as they are members, they have a financial obligation and they will fulfill it in much the same way as they would pay any other bill.

2. **To help the community and nation.** Most people feel that the church is an asset to a local community and that the Christian religion is an asset to the nation. Usually they are not very articulate in the reasons why they feel this is the case and yet, since the church is good for the community and nation, they will support it.

3. **To strengthen morality.** Juvenile delinquency is considered by many to be a major problem in the social life of this country today. People like J. Edgar Hoover and others have said that a vital religious faith is the answer to this problem. Likewise for adults, most people feel that the sanctions of religion are powerful in keeping the disorderly passions of a person in line.

4. **To promote family life.** We are now moving rapidly from the lower motives for giving to the higher, more distinctly Christian motives. Most Christian people feel that their families are a gift from God, an entrustment, a stewardship. They believe that God has given them their husbands or wives and their children to join with him in a holy partnership. They know that they will have their children for a few years of training before the children go out to make homes of their own. The church is the greatest help in the building of a Christian home.

5. **To relieve suffering.** One of the mysteries of life is that some nations are highly endowed, some people are highly gifted, and some people are greatly exploited. The Christian shares his time and money generously and joyously in order to help those less fortunate. Another of these mysteries is that some people are gifted with abundant health and others are af-

flicted with unexplained illness and weakness. For reasons known only to God, many children are left without parents and many older folks are left almost without support. The Christian is glad to give to relieve all forms of human suffering, acting under the inspiration of Jesus' teaching. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my children, ye have done it unto me."

6. **To obey Christ.** Jesus taught his disciples, "Go . . . make disciples of all nations." The Christian is moved with a sense of divine imperative to do as his Master has commanded and this obedience takes many forms, one of the most significant of which is the giving of money. A part of this obedience is to share the good news that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself. The Christian revelation of the Creator God being also the Redeemer God is a blessed experience which the convert must share. Indeed, the Gospel is best known when it is most fully shared.

7. **To find salvation.** Men of the 20th century have rediscovered the meaning and relevance of sin. Man's problem is not his ignorance, nor his finiteness, nor his lack of scientific advance. Basically, man's biggest problem is self-worship, the misuse of God's blessings to fulfill his own selfish desires. In Jesus Christ men find power and receive grace to overcome this all-pervading selfishness and "the power to become sons of God." Christians give because "he first loved us and gave himself for us."

8. **To worship God.** Worship is "worth-ship." Whatever is of greatest value, that is, by that very token,

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Bells of joy and acclaim are ringing to announce the publication of our new "North American Hymnal."

## The North American Hymnal

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The story of the new hymnal's reception and acclaim by our churches and friends  
★

By Dr. M. L. LEUSCHNER, Editor of Publications

A COPY of the new "North American Hymnal" in your hands gives you a fine feeling, even to your fingertips. As you hold it with its durable, attractive binding, you feel that a thrilling collection of the church's hymnody is yours to enjoy. There are 573 hymns and songs to be found between its covers, beginning with Hymn No. 1, "Mighty God, We Worship Thee." This was also the first hymn in the old denominational "Glaubensharfe."

The preface of the hymnal states that this is "more than a collection of songs. It is a book dedicated to individual and collective devotions. Its music and readings give it a rightful place in the church and home, where together with the Bible it may share in making the Gospel of Christ meaningful." The "North American Hymnal" will prove to be a spiritual enrichment to the worship services of every church using it, and a constant source of spiritual delight to the individual leafing through its pages.

● To Rev. Paul Wengel as chairman and to the members of the hymnal's Work Committee, composed of Dr. H. von Berge, Mrs. Emma B. Meier, Rev. A. Husmann, and Mr. Herbert Pankratz, goes the credit for having contributed a voluminous amount of time and mental energy as well as a great deal of prayerful concern in the preparation of this hymnal. The story of the personal sacrifice which Paul Wengel gladly made in the editorial work in this hymnal will probably never see the light of day. It was also a labor of love of the late Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, business manager, who planned and worked for the hymnal but who never had the joy of seeing the finished product!

● The first printing of the North American Hymnal consisted of 15,000

copies. More than 5,000 copies have already been sold and sent to those churches ordering them. The largest order was for 600 copies which went to the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., of which Rev. G. G. Rauser is the pastor. It is interesting to note that the Temple Baptist Church in Lodi, Calif., with Rev. Robert Schreiber as pastor, also ordered 400 copies, making a total of 1000 copies in use in that California city. The second largest order for 500 copies came from the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia, which recently dedicated its fine new edifice. Dr. A. S. Felberg is pastor of that church.

● The "North American Hymnal" has a unique collection of 52 topics with 104 Responsive Readings with Old and New Testament selections at the back of the hymnal, several pages of calls to worship, invocations and benedictions, special Scripture selections of baptismal and communion services, followed by dedication services. These latter programs are for flag dedication service, installation of Sunday School teachers and workers, dedication of little children, installation of trustees and deacons, and a church dedication program. In addition there is an alphabetical index of hymns, a well prepared topical index, and a metrical index of tunes. A general classification of hymns appears in the front of the hymnal.

● The "North American Hymnal" can be purchased in cartons of 25 or 50 copies at the quantity rate of \$1.65 per copy plus transportation charges. This is a change from recent announcements about the price of the hymnal. Beyond 50 copies, the quantity rate remains the same for any number of hymnals ordered. The price

for a single copy is \$2.00. If you would like to see a copy of the hymnal as a sample for your church or group, it can be sent to you on request. Later you will be charged for it at \$1.65 or \$2.00, depending on the decision to order a quantity of the hymnals. Send all orders to Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Avenue, Cleveland 14, Ohio.

● Within a week after the publication date of the "North American Hymnal," an order for 450 copies was received from Dr. A. J. Harms for the First Baptist Church of Garden Grove, California. This is a church of the American Baptist Convention. The hymnals are to be a gift of an influential couple in the church. Dr. Harms formerly served as pastor of our churches in Lorraine, Kans.; Baileyville, Ill.; and Detroit, Mich. (the present Grosse Pointe Church). Dr. Harms stated that he is wonderfully enthused about the hymnal, its blending of evangelistic and worship hymns, and its choice assortment of former German hymns with English translations.

● The name of the church can be stamped in gold lettering on the front cover of the "North American Hymnal" at the rate of twenty cents (20 cents) per copy in quantity lots. This work will be done in Cleveland, Ohio, with prompt dispatch. The name of an individual can also be stamped on the front cover at the higher rate of \$1.25 per single copy. Some people like to have their personal copy of the hymnal with their name on it. The wording to appear on the hymnal should be typed or printed clearly when such orders are sent to our Roger Williams Press in Cleveland, Ohio.

● The "North American Hymnal" was printed by the Judson Press of (Continued on Page 13)

## The Every Family Subscription Plan

★  
Latest news about the new plan for our publications from the Roger Williams Press  
★

By DR. M. L. LEUSCHNER, Forest Park, Illinois

The EVERY FAMILY SUBSCRIPTION PLAN is quite simple. It calls for one or both of our papers to be sent to each active family unit of the church, and the payment for the same to be made by the church through its treasurer, or in some other way. The Publication Board is suggesting a number of practical ways whereby the plan can be financed without much difficulty.

### AN ACTIVE FAMILY UNIT

It is understood that an active family unit represents one or more persons living together under the same roof. If a minor child is the only member of a church from a family and is not a wage earner, then such a child is not to be regarded as a family unit. However, it would be highly commendable if the church on its own would provide a subscription for such a person.

The plan calls for 100 per cent of "the active family units" of the church subscribing to one or both of our papers. The local church through its pastor, board of deacons, or church board is to determine these "active family units." Again, the church itself may determine these "units" in any way it may deem wise. If the church barely reaches the quota for some reason or another, it is hoped that the church on its own will secure several copies for free distribution as samples among visitors to the church.

There are several ways by which the EVERY FAMILY SUBSCRIPTION PLAN can be financed. The church can adopt one plan or follow a combination of ways. (These plans are described at length in a four-page leaflet that has been sent to all churches for distribution.)

● A number of large, influential churches have adopted the "Every Family Subscription Plan" of the

Roger Williams Press and are putting it into effect on January 1, 1957. These include the Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., with Rev. Paul F. Zoschke, pastor, and Mr. John Venninga, Publication Society Agent; the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., with Rev. Rubin Kern, pastor, and Mr. Gerry Koch, Publication Society agent; the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Parma Heights, Ohio (see separate report); and the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. Dak. (See separate report.)

● The "Midweek Reminder" of the Southey, Serath and Raymore Baptist Churches of Saskatchewan, with Rev. E. L. Thiessen as pastor, recently devoted a full page to the announcement of the "Every Family Subscription Plan." The new four-page leaflet of the Publication Society was also attached. A striking sentence in the announcement challenged the three churches in this way: "Let's make our syndicate of churches one of the first to complete this campaign!" The Publication Agents are Mr. Carl Binder for Southey, Mr. James Nicolson for Serath, and Rev. E. L. Thiessen (at present) for Raymore.

● The Parma Heights Baptist Church of Parma Heights, Ohio, at its last quarterly business meeting, voted to adopt the "Every Family Subscription

Plan." It will be included in the church budget, as reported by the pastor, Rev. Edwin W. Miller. Every family in the church has received a letter explaining the plan and enclosing an offering envelope to be brought to church on a certain Sunday to help pay for the subscription. In view of the church's large and new membership, this decision of the church to have all of its families reading our denominational publications is most commendable. An inspirational message by the pastor, Rev. Edwin W. Miller, will appear in the January 24, 1957 issue of the "Baptist Herald." ● The Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. Dak., recently voted to accept the denominational "Every Family Subscription Plan" for 1957. The board of deacons will set up the active membership list. The church treasurer will accept the regular fees now. The publications agent, now Mrs. E. Helm, 1027 North 15th Street, Bismarck, N. Dak., will be responsible for the subscription list, which she will adjust once a month. In order to ease the burden of the church treasury, a Sunday in January will be set aside at which services special offerings will be taken for that purpose. The pastor, the Rev. John E. Grygo, wrote: "Again our people have manifested their loyalty to our cause."



The arrival of the mailman with letters and the "Baptist Herald" is a happy event at many North American Baptist homes.

### "Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote"

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	\$4.00 to Foreign Countries



# The "Magic Valley" of Idaho

Spiritual Possibilities of the First Baptist Church, Paul, Idaho  
by REV. JOHN BROEDER, Pastor

AS I THINK about the spiritual possibilities of this area in which Paul, Idaho, now is the focal point, there comes to my mind the vision of Ezekiel when the Lord took him out in the Spirit and set him down in the midst of a valley of dry bones. It seemed that this field was just such a place. There was seemingly no hope for progress, but as the Lord told Ezekiel to prophesy that sinews and flesh were to come upon those bones, so it is also here.

## NEW CHURCH VISITORS

In the last few weeks a marvelous change has taken place in our Baptist Church. There has not been a Sunday in which we have not had new visitors in our midst. The thing that has brought about this great change are the homesteads which our Government is giving to the ex-service men. This year 194 farms are being drawn for homesteads. As these homesteaders come here to draw their farms, we pastors have the opportunity of meeting them, and our Chamber of Commerce introduces us to them telling them which church we represent.

In this way I have contacted several families who are Baptists and who are coming out here to homestead. At the present time, we have three families who are steady worshipers with us, and two who come off and on who are connected with other Baptist churches. Another Baptist family visited us

recently for the first time, and assured us they will be back again. Then there are other families who are friends who will soon get started in coming regularly to our church.

These with the many new Baptist families coming in here and some others who have come here due to the expansion of our economy make us very hopeful for a great spiritual advancement for our church. There is also the possibility for establishing another church in the future. We praise God for this new hope of greater achievement which he has given us.

## A MISSIONARY CHALLENGE

As we see this great opportunity for mission work for the Lord opening before us, we bow in humble thanksgiving to God to be privileged to labor here at this time. We feel that it is a great challenge for us to put forth every effort to point the way to Christ. Not only are new settlers coming into our territory, but new businesses will also come to Paul, new industries to care for the crops that will be grown here. As these unfold, we will also have opportunity to witness to these new residents of the saving grace of our Lord and Savior.

With this comes the challenge that will tax our energies to the limit, for Satan is at work also. He will try to get as many of these people into his grip as he can. Therefore we covet the prayers of God's people in this



An Idaho homesteader supervises the irrigation of his sugar beet field.

great undertaking in this area. Truly, God's ways are marvelous, surpassing all knowledge.

You will be interested in knowing about this land that the Government is giving to former service men. It has good soil in most instances. Proof of this is evident when one drives through Magic Valley and sees the wonderful crops raised here. This land was originally, in most cases, homesteaded by dry farmers, but due to lack of rainfall it was abandoned.

## PROMISING HOMESTEADS

Now the Government is furnishing the means of irrigation and is giving former service men and their families the opportunity to acquire a farm via the homestead route. What has been land covered with sage brush will soon show fertile farms with pleasant buildings which sometimes make one envious of them. If one has passed through this area several years ago, and now will come to Paul and see the great changes taking place, he will hardly be able to believe his eyes.

If any former service men in our denomination would like to draw a farm, you may write to the United States Bureau of Reclamation, Rupert, Idaho; or contact me, Rev. John Broeder, Paul, Idaho, about this matter, and I would be happy to assist you in getting your name put into the drawing which will take place sometime next Spring. There will be over 200 units given away next year. This is a fine opportunity for anyone wishing to farm to acquire a good home.



A homesteader's home in the "Magic Valley" near Paul, Idaho, with a well in the foreground throwing a stream of water into an irrigation canal.

# In Memoriam -- Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt

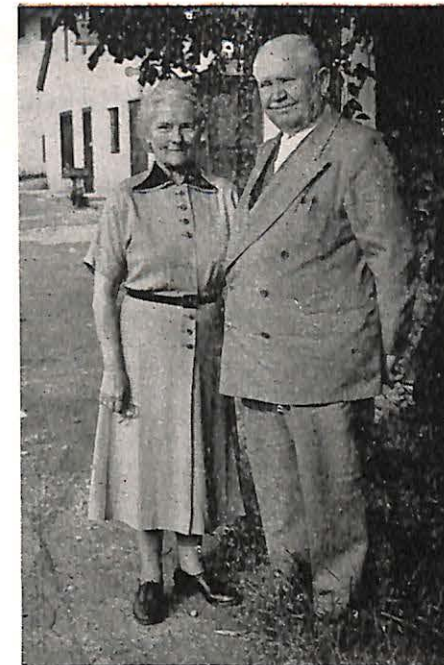
By REV. PHILIP SCHERER, Pastor of the German Baptist Church, Toronto, Ontario

REV. CARL FUELLBRANDT of Toronto, Ontario, was born on Sept. 22, 1880, in Savelevstal near Odessa, Ukraine. At the age of 20 he was converted and baptized by his father, Rev. Karl Fuellbrandt. In 1902 he was married to Magdalena Graeber. They were blessed with one son, Willy. After a happy marriage of 38 years, his helpmeet was called to her heavenly Home. In 1940 Mr. Fuellbrandt and Rosa Freyer were married.

For 25 years Brother Fuellbrandt lived in Vienna, Austria, and was a member of the Mollard Street Baptist Church. During World War II he assisted the Baptist Union of Germany by serving as a teacher at the Baptist Seminary in Hamburg and at the Bible School in Wiedenest. For many years he labored faithfully as the missionary director of the North American Baptist Mission in the six Da-

nubian countries of Southeastern Europe (Austria, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, and Rumania). In this capacity he also served during five recent years, residing at Salzburg, Austria, and thus bringing his total ministry as missionary director for our denomination to 30 years.

In October 1954 he and his wife came to Toronto, Ontario, where they resided with their son. For one year he served faithfully as the interim pastor of the newly organized German Baptist Church of Toronto. On November 7 he followed the heavenly summons, on the day after he had prayed with a young candidate for the mission field who had dedicated himself for this service at Brother Fuellbrandt's bedside. He went Home to see his Savior face to face at the age of 76 years.



Rev. and Mrs. Carl Fuellbrandt of Toronto, Ontario, at the 1955 General Conference sessions in Waco, Texas.

John 14:1-3. The service closed with prayer.

The remains were buried in Parklawn Cemetery in Toronto, where all grave stones are of the same height, probably four feet high. The brethren Scherer, Wahl and Leypoldt stood at the grave with the bereaved. Rev. John Wahl of Hamilton, Ontario, read Philippians 1:21-23 and led in prayer. The choir sang with depth of feeling: "Home in the Light Beyond." Then we departed.

One could say in his heart: "Auf Wiedersehen, dear brother, you are better off in heaven than we are on earth." We also want to be faithful unto the end.

## OUR GROWING FAMILY

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day in January. Please forward this offering to the North American Baptists, Inc., in Forest Park, Ill., earmarked for the Church Extension Project Fund. The gifts received from our churches will go to the new churches where souls will be reached for Christ and put to work in the Lord's Church for the furtherance of the Gospel of Christ.

We are confident that our people everywhere will make the Church Extension Project a real matter of prayer, not only in their churches but in their daily Christian living as they try to serve him. We are confident that God will honor the goodness of his people as they share in his ever-growing Kingdom through Church Extension work.

Offering envelopes for the Church Extension Project and pledges can be secured free of charge by writing to North American Baptist Headquarters, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

# The Wreath of Faithfulness

By DR. JOHN LEYPOLDT of Forest Park, Illinois

IT WAS MY PRIVILEGE and responsibility to represent our denomination at the funeral service of our beloved brother, Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt, held on Friday afternoon, November 9th, in Toronto, Ontario. Because all of our denominational leaders had previous engagements to fulfill, I was requested by our executive secretary, Dr. F. Woyke, to leave my present appointment as interim pastor of the Third German Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, for a few days and go to Toronto to speak words of appreciation and of comfort on behalf of our denomination.

Rev. Philip Scherer of our German Baptist Church of Toronto had charge of the brief service. He spoke introductory words and led in prayer. The church choir sang Brother Fuellbrandt's favorite hymn, "On the Other Shore." The casket was surrounded by many beautiful floral tributes. One of these floral pieces was from our denominational headquarters.

Near the remains of one of God's great servants sat his widow, Mrs. Carl Fuellbrandt, a son, William, who enjoyed the fellowship of his father for the past two years; Mr. William Hoyer of Forest Park, Ill., a brother-in-law of Mr. Fuellbrandt; and a young relative of the departed.

The one best fitted to have spoken on his solemn occasion would have been the late Dr. Wm. Kuhn, who preceded Mr. Fuellbrandt in death. Both Dr. Kuhn and our departed brother were intimate friends for many years,

Dr. Kuhn serving as our general missionary secretary in the United States and Canada and Brother Fuellbrandt serving as our missionary secretary in the Danubian countries in Europe. Both traveled together on various occasions and had great responsibilities and they even looked alike, so that some thought they were brothers.

As a representative of our denomination I placed a wreath, not of flowers, but of words on the casket of our dear brother. It was the wreath of faithfulness. He had the privilege of being reared in a Christian home. His father was a minister. He remained true to his parents' faith. On one occasion he told me that he was exiled to Siberia as a young man during the First World War. But he remained true to his God and his Savior.

As a preacher of the Word, he was faithful in the fulfillment of his high mission. As our representative of missions in the Danubian countries for years, he rendered faithful service. In the last two years he wrote for "Der Sendbote." His helpful articles and translation of Dr. Graham's questions and answers will be missed by many readers. He was faithful unto death and has received the crown of life.

It is not my habit to give eulogies at funeral services. I prefer preaching a sermon of comfort and of warning. But on this occasion one is reminded of Paul's words: "Honor to whom honor is due." There was only time left to quote for the bereaved the matchless words of Jesus found in



# Church Extension in Utica, Michigan

The Story of God's Blessings on the First Baptist Church, Utica, Michigan  
by GLADYS WARD, Church Clerk

IN THE THRIVING TOWN of Utica, Mich., with a population of about two thousand people, located about 30 miles north of Detroit, the Rev. Dwight M. Fry saw the need of a Baptist work, where salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ would be preached. In October 1951 he was led of the Lord to begin this new work.

Previously Brother Fry had been pastor of the Grace Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan. Until this time there had been no Baptist church in Utica. He had received his Master of Theology degree in 1947 from the Bible Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He has been most faithful to his Lord and to the people and through his determination and love for the Lord, we now have a wonderful church organized.

## MEMBERSHIP OF 104

The First Baptist Church in Utica was organized in November 1951 with a charter membership of 16 members. At this time we have a membership of 104 and a Sunday School attendance of 98. We are indeed thankful to be a part of the North American Baptist General Conference.

Our church was granted help from the Church Extension Fund, and it made it possible for us to buy our own building, thanks to the Church Extension Committee. During this year we have purchased new chairs for our choir and drapes for partitioning off our classrooms in the basement.

We are proud of our church in that we have a wonderful missionary work. We have had two of our members, Robert Lescelius and James Carroll, who recently graduated from Bob Jones University, ordained to the Gospel ministry in our church this fall. They are now in the Lord's work in Pennsylvania.

**CHURCH EXTENSION  
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What will be your gift?

## A LIGHTHOUSE FOR GOD

We have another young man, a son of our pastor, Richardson Fry, who is attending the Bible Baptist Seminary in Arlington, Texas. We also have two fine young women from our church attending the Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Missouri. They are planning on going to the mission field when through school. These girls names are Anita and Colleen Herber, daughters of our church treasurer.

It is because of the Church Extension Fund that all this has been made possible. How we praise God for his wonderful blessings on this work and pastor. May this church always be a lighthouse in the city of Utica. May souls continue to be saved here! That is our earnest prayer.

## 17 CHURCH EXTENSION PROJECTS

As North American Baptists we have begun 17 Church Extension Projects or have come to their financial aid. The inspiring story of these 17 projects continues with this account about the First Baptist Church of Utica, Michigan.

## ENGAGEMENTS

**Rev. J. C. Gunst**  
Jan. 6 (Sunday A.M.) — Grace Church, West Fargo, N. Dak.  
Jan. 6 (Sunday P.M.) — Grace Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak.  
Jan. 7-10 — Leadership Training Course, Grand Forks, N. Dak.  
Jan. 13 (Sunday A.M.) — McKernan Church, Edmonton, Alberta.  
Jan. 13 (Sunday P.M.) — Central Church, Edmonton, Alberta.  
Jan. 14-18 — "Week of Prayer," Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta.

**Rev. L. Bienert**  
Dec. 31 (Watchnight Service) — Forest Park Church, Forest Park, Ill.

**Dr. M. L. Leuschner**  
Jan. 13 (Sunday) — Missionary Conference, Buffalo Center, Iowa.

**Miss Ruth Bathauer**  
Jan. 7-11 — Leadership Training Course, Durham, Kansas.

## WEEK OF PRAYER

Jan. 6-11 — Program material has been sent to all pastors of North American Baptist churches.

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

**Rev. George W. Breitreuz**  
Trinity Baptist Church  
S.E. 67th Ave. and Clinton St.  
Portland, Oregon

**Rev. G. Freigang**  
1937 S. Sheridan  
Tacoma 5, Washington

**Rev. J. C. Kraenzler**  
303 E. Second Street  
Sumner, Iowa

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the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This is one of the finest presses for a religious house in the entire country. The superb printing job is evident in the legible type, attractive pages, clear musical notes, and high grade of paper. Large portions of the Judson Press' hymnal, "Christian Worship," were used as a basis for our hymnal. The Judson Tower of the American Baptist Assembly is shown in a gilt design on the edge of the hymnal. An acknowledgment is given in the book stating that we owe the Judson Press a debt of gratitude for their generous help.

● **Jamesburg, New Jersey.** "We have received an order of 125 copies of the North American Hymnal. They will be a wonderful aid to our worship services. I sincerely hope that all of our churches will purchase this hymnal soon. It will be wonderful to have a standard hymnal in our churches after all of these years. Even though we are a small group in the First Baptist Church of Jamesburg, N. J., we found it no hardship to purchase our copies. After announcing the possibility of giving the hymnals as memorials, within two weeks over 100 copies were subscribed. Our people seem really enthusiastic about having these new hymnals."—Roger W. Schmidt, Pastor.

## REASONS FOR GIVING

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what we worship. The Psalmist asked, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits to me?" Man must worship and the Christian has discovered a God who is worshiped, not with "rivers of oil" or thousands of animal sacrifices, but with a broken and contrite heart. A part of this broken ego is a giving of one's resources to carry out the will of God.

9. **To do God's work.** God in his mysterious providence has so made man that men have limited but real dominion over part of God's creation. God gives men freedom to use creatively this handling of his material resources in order to fulfill his gracious purposes for mankind. Men may be channels of God's love, flowing downward and outward. "We are workers together with God."

10. **To express gratitude.** Every Christian stands at the foot of the Cross and, as he looks up into the face of Jesus Christ, he cannot but say: "Why did he have to die? It was not for his sins, but for the sins of those around him and for my sins." Then, having first confessed our sins at the foot of the Cross in sorrow, our hearts overflow in gratitude that God "spared not his own Son but delivered him up for us all." Then the Christian can sing: "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my life, my soul, my all."

# A New Year's Message

From the Officers of the Baptist World Alliance to All "Baptist Herald" Readers

TO ALL our Baptist World Fellowship:

Greetings and good wishes in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ! May the New Year be a blessed and happy one in your hearts, your homes, and your churches, as we serve together in the work of the Kingdom.

The past year has been a good one in the work of the Alliance. The Executive Committee had a representative and enthusiastic meeting in Washington, D. C., and decided that the next World Congress will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1960. The next World Youth Conference will meet in Toronto, Canada, in 1958.

Your President and Secretaries in the past twelve months have visited our people in more than 30 countries on three continents. Still other lands have been visited by other officers and members of the Executive Committee and additional visits are planned for the new year. The Baptist World, our Alliance paper, is to be further enlarged to help our people in every land know more about Baptist work in other countries and conventions.

A heavy emphasis on evangelism will increasingly mark our Baptist activities. In some continents and countries plans are already under way to

make 1959 a special period of organized simultaneous evangelistic effort. A Baptist World Alliance Commission on Evangelism has been appointed whose main concern will be to stimulate and assist planning and action in this area throughout our Baptist world. It is our hope that 1959 will witness the greatest united evangelistic advance in which Baptists have ever shared in the more than one hundred countries where we are at work. With greater concern and zeal than ever before let us heed our Lord's command to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Some of our number serve the Lord in hard and difficult situations. Some are "persecuted for righteousness' sake." Others bear their witness in the face of many obstacles and restrictions. Let us in our daily prayers remember them and all who serve the Lord in spirit and in truth. May God bless us each in our own place of service and all of us in our work together for the Lord Christ and his eternal Kingdom.

Theodore F. Adams, President,  
Arnold T. Ohrn, Gen. Secretary  
Robert S. Denny, Associate Secretary,  
Henry Cook, Acting Associate Secretary in Europe.

# An Urgent Call to Baptists

By the B.W.A. Administrative Committee

THE ADMINISTRATIVE Committee of the Baptist World Alliance gives utterance to deep distress at the sufferings of whole nations at this time of international disorder and turmoil. We call upon Baptist people in every land to intercede in prayer in behalf of all victims of injustice and want in stricken countries, and to give with renewed generosity towards the relief of hunger, cold, disease, and homelessness. We especially lay upon the heart of every member of our churches the

terrible plight of the peoples of Hungary and all other lands ravaged by recent fighting, and urge upon them the immense needs of the increasing masses of refugees.

## BAPTISTS HELP HUNGARY

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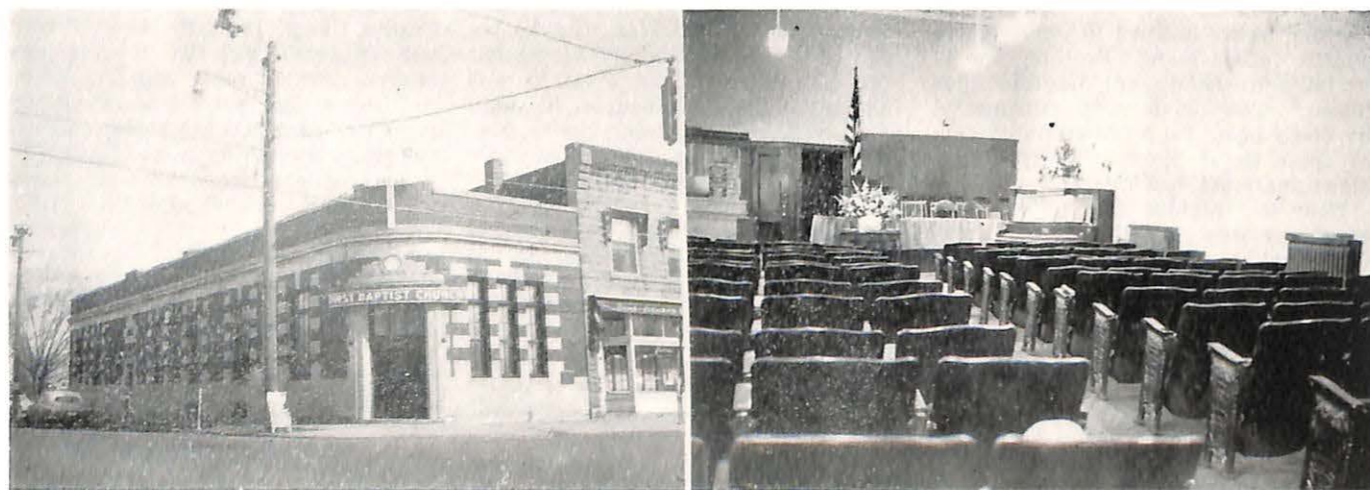
Seven of the members of the Committee visited the refugee receiving camp at Traiskirchen on Sunday, November 11, 1956. Dr. Wlach, the chief supervisor of the refugee camps, welcomed the aid of the Baptist Committee and gave permission for posting announcement for Baptist refugees in the various camps.

I talked with many of the refugees. Everyone told a story of vast destructions, suffering and death. Most of the refugees were younger people. I saw only a few old folk. Children whose faces reflect the horror of recent days played with some new or old toy on the sheetless mattresses laid side by side on the floor in the bare rooms smelling of carbolic acid.

In the name of Christ, we must help them!

## LATEST NEWS

- Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Appel are our representatives in Austria to help administer the Hungarian relief program.
- Used clothing can also be sent to our office in Forest Park for processing and shipment. We shall appreciate cash contributions of 10 cents per pound to defray shipping costs.
- All other instructions regarding cash gifts, food supplies, clothing and sponsorships for immigrants are found in article on page 5.



The First Baptist Church of Utica, Mich. (left), now meets in a former bank building, which has been rebuilt into a worshipful and spacious sanctuary (right) with the financial help of Church Extension funds of the denomination.



# We...the Women

By MRS. THOMAS D. LUTZ of Aberdeen, South Dakota, President

## INTRODUCTION

Mrs. Emanuel Wolff of Burlington, Iowa, is the chairman of the Scholarship Committee of the Woman's Missionary Union. It was through her that our Scholarship girl for this year was chosen. She gives us an introduction to her on this page. She would also welcome your correspondence regarding girls in the future. We hope sincerely to find a girl who is called to Christian service and our desire is to find one who is interested in attending our Seminary. God will lead us in this choice. Let us all pray about this during the coming year.

## OUR SCHOLARSHIP GIRL

By MRS. E. WOLFF

The Scholarship Girl chosen by the Woman's Missionary Union for 1956-1957 is Miss Joyce Ringering, a student at our North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She is deserving of the scholarship, and we are happy that our girls are availing themselves of the fine opportunities for Christian education offered them at our Seminary.

Upon our request Miss Ringering has presented the following personal testimony as well as her hopes for the future.

## CHOSEN OF THE LORD

By MISS JOYCE RINGERING,  
Scholarship Girl

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain" (John 15:16). This verse has come to mean much to me. The Lord has led me often in strange paths, but always he has been near.

I was very young when evangelistic meetings were held in our church at Ellinwood, Kansas. Yet the Lord spoke to me and I accepted him as my Savior. I am thankful for the Christian home in which I was taught the Word of God and the ways of God.

A few years later, I consecrated my life to the Lord. I wanted him to use me wherever he should see fit. The Lord has used me in various ways.

As yet I have never been able to say certainly that this is the thing the Lord wants me to do. He has continually led me to "walk by faith." Although mostly I have not seen more than a few weeks ahead, the Lord has opened doors for me to go to college, to teach a year in the public schools, and now to attend our Seminary.

Many times I have wondered why the Lord has led me into certain places

## The 50th Anniversary

of the  
Woman's Missionary Union  
by MRS. PETER PFEIFFER  
appears in the

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and allowed certain things to happen. Always the answer has come, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you . . . walk by faith." I have found that the Lord has always brought new opportunities for service and training through these avenues. He has given me the privilege of teaching children in Vacation Bible Schools, in camps, and at present in Primary Church. Also the Lord has given me talents musically, which I love to use for him.

Though I have not always been faithful and am sometimes tempted to despair, yet the Lord reminds me that the choice was his. I am only asked to follow him. He draws me back whenever I would stray.

I am now training and studying to prepare myself for further service as the Lord will lead. I am hoping in the spring to receive a Master's degree in Religious Education. Then I know that the Lord will open new avenues of service, although now I do not know where. I feel that perhaps it will be working in the Christian Education department of one of our North American Baptist churches.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Your president wishes to thank each of you who has made possible all of the publications for the Woman's Missionary Union during the past year. We would thank our loyal and faithful readers who have encouraged us in our work and have helped to carry on

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our work as co-workers for our Lord and Savior.

May we bow our heads and receive his benediction for the past year. Following this, may we lift our heads and hearts in a willingness to do our work for him in the years to come. Now is our day. Today is our day of opportunities and privileges. We would have a deeper passion for lost souls and a greater desire to work for him wherever we are and under all circumstances. May it be a HAPPY NEW YEAR IN HIS SERVICE!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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2,000 from the 50,000 mark. The total contributions by our churches of \$3,970,467.51 amount to the sum of \$82.33 per member. The eight new churches which were added to the total list are: Parma Heights Church, Cleveland, Ohio; Temple Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta; German Zion Church, Edmonton, Alberta; Immanuel Church, Vancouver, British Columbia; Baptist Church, Kitimat, British Columbia (pending recognition by the Pacific Conference); Willow Rancho Church, Sacramento, Calif.; Santa Ana Heights Church, Santa Ana, Calif.; Harbor Trinity Church, Costa Mesa, California. With the loss of two churches during the year, this makes the total of North American Baptist Churches at present 294.

● The 59th annual conference of the New England Association was held on October 20 and 21 at the Rock Hill Baptist Church, Boston, Massachusetts. At the Sunday services on October 21. Mrs. Gilbert Schneider spoke to the Sunday School; Rev. Gilbert Schneider, Cameroons missionary, at the afternoon service; Rev. R. Schilke of Forest Park, Ill., at the morning worship service, and Rev. Raymond P. Yahn of Bridgeport, Conn., at the closing vesper service. The theme of the conference was "Seeking the Lost for Christ." Dr. William N. Kerr of Gordon Divinity School addressed the youth rally on Saturday night. Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt of New Haven, Conn., brought the opening message on "Lo, I Am With You Always." The Rock Hill Church and its pastor, Rev. A. Theodore Ekholm, had arranged for an inspirational setting for the conference.



By REV. G. K. Zimmerman, General Secretary

## THE IMPORTANCE OF LEADERSHIP TRAINING

By REV. RICHARD LAWRENZ  
of North Freedom, Wisconsin

"Why a leadership training course? Aren't we busy enough? Why can't we just teach our Sunday School class and let it go at that?" These are questions familiar to many.

However, the fact remains that, perhaps innocently, these questions betray an inward spiritual defect in our lives. For if one is truly born again, one will seek to do all in his power for Christ, rather than just to "get by." Is it not true, that if we want to do something which gives us great joy, we will do all in our power to "take time" for that which has captured our hearts?

It is likewise so in the spiritual life. If Christ has captured our hearts, the leadership training course provides another outlet of service rendered unto Christ for his glory.

I would suggest to you the following reasons why a leadership training program is vital and important in the local church. **First**, it will help us all to grow as Christians. I am sure everyone will agree that we all need to grow as Christians. The point at stake really is, "Are we willing to pay the price for growth?" Altogether too many times, the attitude seems to be that if we know Christ as Savior, that is sufficient. This is by no means the Biblical position. Rather, the Bible teaches that a Christian is to pant after God (Ps. 42:1); he is not to be satisfied with the past but is to press on to new heights (Phil. 3:10-14).

When we get hungry and thirsty for Christian growth, the time set apart for the leadership training course will not present a formidable obstacle at all, but rather will present a challenge and opportunity for growth.

**Secondly**, it can help us all to become soul winners. Soul winning is not easy and many times, under the guidance of the pastor, or some other competent leader, the training class can learn how to overcome difficulties and win people to Christ.

Jesus' primary consideration was to teach his disciples to be "fishers of men." You recall that it was Jesus who sent out the seventy, two by two. He did not do the work of soul winning for the disciples, but rather he taught them how to do it.

In this regard, J. N. Barnette, author of "The Place of the Sunday School in Evangelism," well says: "Other calls, no matter how attractive, will not tempt the pastor to postpone and neglect the serious business of train-

ing his officers and teachers in the work of evangelism."

In teaching others how to win people to Christ, the pastor can multiply himself and his work in others. The matter of soul winning cannot be left to the pastor alone. This is both unscriptural and dangerous. Scripture teaches, "And the things which thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2). The principle here seems to be that the born-again Christian is to win someone else to Christ, and that person in turn is to win another.

Soul winning probably produces the greatest joy this side of heaven. Just think of the joy a Sunday School teacher can have by winning one of his or her pupils to Christ. The groundwork for this joy can well be laid in the leadership training course.

**Thirdly**, the course prepares leaders for the work of the Sunday School and church. It would be unthinkable for a business man to ignore the source which brings 85 per cent of his income. Yet, statistics tell us that 85 per cent of all church workers at some time were Sunday School scholars. Therefore, we too cannot ignore this potential gold mine by neglecting to train leaders.

All of us need added skills to equip ourselves to be better teachers. There is a big difference between "just teaching a lesson from the Bible," and teaching it effectively and skillfully so that its content may have its desired effect upon the hearer. Andrew Murray has well said: "Scripture was not given to increase our knowledge but to change our conduct." The \$64,000 question is, "How can I present my lesson most effectively so that it will make a permanent impact upon the conduct of my students?"

Gilbert Highet, author of "The Art of Teaching," suggests that some teachers are "behaving like a newspaper editor who should print all the news just in the order in which it arrived, half a column of grain prices, one cartoon, an editorial, ten reports of fires, the closing quotations on the stock market, beauty hints, and then a two-column dispatch from Paris." Perhaps many teachers have never been taught how to teach. Maybe they do not know what true teaching and true learning is. Many times this need can be met in a leadership training course.

The leadership training course will at least be an important step in the right direction to make it clear that

true teaching is to stimulate, encourage, guide, and direct learning. On the other hand, it can be emphasized that true learning does not take place unless it is inward, ongoing, dynamic, and active according to Scriptural standards.

Paul Vieth, writing in his book, "The Church and Christian Education," well says: "The pupil is like a tree which puts forth its leaves, blossoms, and fruit because of the inner life which is flowing through it, and not like a Christmas tree, to which others fix tinsel, shiny balls and lights which are not really its own and never will be."

Since "we are laborers together with God" (1 Cor. 3:9), the leadership training class affords a great opportunity to increase our teaching skills for the KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

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order to provide its strength, durability and usefulness. The manufacturer's aim is to "perfect" an article. God's aim is to "perfect" his children, and often the road to perfection is paved with difficult tests, trials and temptations in order to make us as Christ-like as possible.

**QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:** Do we use baptism to gain more church members or to gain more dedicated lives? Were the temptations of Jesus "easy" because he was the Son of God? Are ours more difficult? What was the difference between the temptations of Jesus and ours?

## LEANNESS OF SOUL

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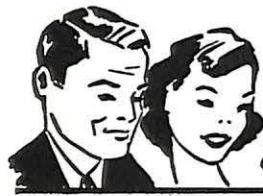
shine must have gone into this wood, and what has gone in, comes out!"

How much of God's sunshine has entered into your life? How much time do you spend in the radiance of his presence reading the Word and meditating upon it? If you get his sunshine into your soul, remember that sunshine will surely come out, and your life will bring blessing to others.

Is your soul a lean soul? An undernourished soul? Then it is because God has granted you your request, just as he did to the Israelites of old. You have neglected him! You have neglected prayer! You have neglected reading the Word of God! You have not been faithful in your church attendance!

But I have good news for you. You can become a strong, healthy soul IF ONLY YOU WILL FEAST ON THE GOODNESS OF GOD. You can be favored with spiritual prosperity and then "flourish like the palm tree," and "grow like a cedar in Lebanon." God grant that you may "still bring forth fruit in old age" and spiritually be "fat and flourishing."





# Sunday School Lessons

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 6, 1957

Theme: WISE MEN SEEK JESUS

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** No matter how poor and ignorant a person may be, if he truly seeks Jesus he will be counted among those who are wise.

**INTRODUCTION:** In the first quarter of this year we will study the life and teachings of Christ according to the Gospel of Matthew. As an introduction the first chapter should also be read and the necessary comments and explanations made.

There are roughly three classes of people—the wise, the foolish, and those who show a little of both. Most of us would probably put ourselves in the third class. The pessimist believes he is too big of a fool to become wise, while the optimist believes he has just enough wisdom to keep him from becoming a fool. It is strange that at Jesus' birth it is said that "wise men seek Jesus." Very few of those who were counted among the wise sought the Savior (1 Cor. 1:26). Those who were considered "unlearned and ignorant men" (Acts 4:13) were the ones who were called, who sought Jesus and found him.

A wise man is not necessarily an intelligent person, or a well-educated person, or an aristocratic person. He is one who sees the true values of life and seeks the highest. He knows that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Ps. 111:10), and in seeking the Lord he will be truly wise.

**I. WISE MEN KNOW HOW TO INTERPRET HEAVENLY MESSAGES.** Matt. 2:1-2.

(a) The heavenly message was urgent. They had to stop gazing at the stars in order to follow the Star. If, as Bible scholars tell us, the wise men came from Persia, it was no simple journey. There must have been much preparation and expense involved. They believed that this journey was the most important they had ever made in their lives. More eager than any explorer or discoverer, they realized the urgency of their mission.

(b) The heavenly message concerned a King. "Where is he that is born King of the Jews?" They did not make the long journey in honor of Caesar in Rome or Herod in Jerusalem. This was a journey to see and to honor the King of kings.

(c) The heavenly message demanded persistence. They would never be fully satisfied until they

found the Christ-child. When they came to the end of their own wisdom, they were not too proud or timid to ask questions. They would keep on seeking until they found.

**II. WISE MEN KNOW WHOM TO WORSHIP.** Matt. 2:3-11.

It is strange that the things that bring trouble to the fool (Matt. 2:3) bring rejoicing to the wise (2:10). Men are jealous and unscrupulous when they do not receive the homage that belongs only to God. The wise man knows that only God demands and is worthy of his worship.

**III. WISE MEN ARE GENEROUS.** Matt. 2:11.

The first worship service in the New Testament was a service of adoration, of praise, of thanksgiving and of sacrifice. It was a complete worship service. The wise men came, not only with full hearts, but also with full hands. No one asked them for a donation or offering; they felt honored because they had the privilege of presenting their gifts. The man who built barns in order to keep all he had was called a fool (Lk. 12:20), while the men who gave all they could were called wise.

**QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:** What other lessons can we as Christians learn from the story of the wise men? The wisest men known were the first to worship Jesus. Why have so many wise men since his birth rejected him?

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 13, 1957

Theme: JESUS BAPTIZED AND TEMPTED

Scripture: Matthew 3:16-4:11

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** When you are dedicated to God, it does not mean that the devil will abdicate.

**INTRODUCTION:** There is so much we would like to know about Jesus' early life. Only Luke tells us of an incident in the temple at Jerusalem when he was twelve years old. Other-

## EDITOR OF PAGE

Rev. Bruno Schreiber of Oak Park, Illinois, serves as the editor of these Sunday School Lessons. His fine, faithful work has been appreciated by teachers, pastors, and leaders in our churches as well as by the editor. It will be "good news" to all of our readers to know that he will continue to prepare these Sunday School Lessons in 1957 to appear in the "Baptist Herald."

EDITOR.

wise we commonly look upon the period from childhood to his baptism as the "silent years." All this time we can be sure that Jesus was "about his Father's business," not only in the temple in Jerusalem, but every day of his life. Much of his business consisted of training, study and communion with his heavenly Father so that he might be ready for the work of salvation which he was to fulfill. So ready was Jesus that John the Baptist introduced him to the people as "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

**I. JESUS' BAPTISM AND THE OPEN HEAVENS.** Matt. 3:16.

We often read of the "clouds of heaven," the "door of heaven" the "windows of heaven," all of which are indications that heaven is a closed and hidden place and that there are conditions which must be fulfilled in order for the heavens to open. Jesus fulfilled those conditions by his full and complete dedication to God, his heavenly Father, in baptism. The heavens continue to open to men everywhere, who are willing to yield their lives to God.

We as Baptists stress the ordinance of baptism as a requirement for church membership. But we do not merely baptize because we are Baptists, but because we believe it to be the most beautiful, the most meaningful, the most Scriptural, and the most Christ-like act of dedication that any newborn child of God can demonstrate. Let us look upon it more as a God-given privilege than as a church requirement.

Our scientists are interested today in breaking the "sound barrier." When Jesus was baptized, a much more important "sound barrier" was broken. The voice of God came through saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Jesus came in order to take away the "sin barrier" so that we can go "boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb. 4:16).

**II. JESUS' BAPTISM AND TEMPTATION.** Matt. 4:1-11.

Some of the most perplexing questions come to us in connection with Jesus' temptations. Why should he have been tempted? Jesus was made perfect through suffering (Heb. 2:10), and temptation was a part of his suffering. Every product that we use in our homes has, first of all, gone through extremely difficult tests in

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# What's Happening

● The First Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa, has extended a call to Rev. J. C. Kraenzler of Leduc, Alta., Canada, to which he has responded favorably. He will begin his pastorate in Sumner on January 6th, succeeding Rev. Fred Mashner, now of Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Mr. Kraenzler has served as minister of the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta., since 1952.

● On Sunday evening, Sept. 23, Rev. Richard Grenz, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak., baptized 11 converts on profession of their faith in Christ. The service was held in the nearby Washburn Baptist Church with its fine baptistry. Mr. Leo Strecker, church clerk, added the prayer to his report that "the richest blessings of God might be with these new members as they serve their Lord and their church faithfully."

● The Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas, has announced that its pastor, Rev. Joe Bob Alexander, has resigned due to reasons of health and has brought his ministry to a close on the first Sunday of November. He has served as pastor of the Crawford Church since 1954. It has been reported that Mr. Alexander has had to enter the field of business and to leave the active ministry on the advice of his doctor.

● The members of the Dayton's Bluff and Riverview Baptist Churches of St. Paul, Minn., held their union Thanksgiving service on Thanksgiving Day morning, November 22, in the Riverview Church. Rev. Theo. W. Dons of Sterling, Kans., brought the message with the local pastors, Rev. William H. Jeschke and Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom assisting in the service. Mr. Dons is at present engaged in raising funds for the new building of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Norridge (suburb of Chicago), Illinois.

● On Thursday, November 15, Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, underwent a major operation for the removal of kidney stones at the West Suburban Hospital, Oak Park, Illinois. The operation was successful, even though Brother Schilke suffered severe post-operation discomforts. After a three-week stay in the hospital, he went to his home, 242 S. Kenilworth, Oak Park, Ill., for an extended period of convalescence. He hoped to be back at the office sometime in December.

● The guest speaker at the Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., on Sunday, Dec. 2nd, was Rev. J. C.

Gunst, promotional secretary. He spoke to the Sunday School on denominational projects, preached at the morning service and showed slides on our Japan mission field at the evening young people's meeting. Rev. Frank Veninga, pastor of the church, received two new members at the morning communion service. This makes a total of 35 new members since he began his ministry at the church earlier this year.

● On Sunday evening, November 4, the members and friends of the First Baptist Church, McIntosh, S. Dak., gathered to help Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moser, Sr., celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. Rev. Walter Klemm, pastor, brought a message of congratulations and spiritual challenge. Many musical numbers and readings were given. A reception for 102 persons followed in the church parlors. Mr. Moser is a deacon of the McIntosh Church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Moser have been active in the work of the church for many years.

● The Publication Board of the Roger Williams Press has approved the giving of the title of Acting Business Manager to Rev. W. J. Luebeck, the editor of "Der Sendbote." He will serve in this capacity until an appointment can be made for a successor to the late Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, former business manager. Mr. Harold Johns, president of the Board, reports that "the work is going smoothly" at the Publication House and that the members of the personnel are working energetically to produce the best possible publications and printing work for the denomination.

● On Sunday, Nov. 18, the Sunday School of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., presented a check of \$1,000 to the church towards the building fund for a new Christian Education building. Sunday School teachers and workers of the church and the general superintendent, Mr. E. Ralph Kletke, have been aware of the lack of Sunday School facilities for the overcrowded school as well as of the acute need for such a new building. The check to the church was presented at a special program in the open Sunday School session. Rev. W. C. Damrau is pastor of the church.

● A Teachers' Training Course on "Building a Better Sunday School" was conducted from Oct. 24 to Nov. 19, by the Sunday Schools of the First Baptist Church of Mott, N. Dak., and of the New Leipzig Church, New Leipzig, North Dakota. The meetings were

held alternately in the two different churches. Rev. Le Roy Schauer, pastor of the Mott church, instructed the class. There was an average attendance of 36 pupils. Fifteen persons met the requirements toward credit of the course toward credit. Rev. Emil Becker is pastor at New Leipzig.

● From October 21 to 28 the Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minn., held a series of special meetings with Prof. Roy Seibel of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as evangelist. He also contacted more than 40 young people of the Twin City area in a Vocational Guidance Program. Personal interviews were held with these young people to guide them in their choice of a life's work as well as to direct them in their choice of further education. The Riverview Church now sends out a monthly "Visitor" paper to its members. The church has set a goal of raising no less than \$1,000 per month for the Building Fund. The goal was reached successfully for two consecutive months. Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom is pastor of the church.

● More than 300 delegates and visitors attended the Iowa Association at the First Baptist Church of Buffalo Center, Iowa, from October 8 to 10. Guest speakers included Dr. Hugo Lueck of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., seminary professor; Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, missionary-nurse at the Bansa Baptist Hospital, Camerons; and Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Stockdale, missionary appointees for the Camerons mission field. All of the pastors participated in the program. The mission offerings received for Church Extension and the Seminary totalled \$519. Comments were overheard that "it was the largest attendance at the Iowa Association in the past ten years." Rev. W. G. Gerthe is the pastor of the host church.

● From October 14 to 25 the First Baptist Church of Wishek, N. Dak., held evangelistic meetings with Rev. John Kastelein of Harvey, N. Dak., serving as evangelist and with eight decisions for Christ recorded. The church's Harvest and Mission Festival was observed on Sunday, Nov. 4, with Dr. George A. Dunger of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as guest speaker. The missionary offerings amounted to about \$2,200. A Christmas morning candlelight service beginning at 10:30 A.M. has been planned with all of the church's young people home from colleges and Bible Schools taking part in musical numbers and readings. Rev. L. O. Wahl, pastor, is bringing the devotional message. A baptismal service will be held on New Year's Eve at the Wishek church.

● The 1956 statistics of our North American Baptist churches appear on page 24 of this issue. The total membership now stands at 48,224, less than

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# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Southwestern Conference

### Harvest Festival, CBY Officers and Scripture Memory at Bethany Church, Vesper, Kansas

The Bethany Baptist Church near Vesper, Kans., enjoyed a day of spiritual blessings on Sunday, October 21, when our Harvest and Mission Festival was held. Our guest speaker was Rev. G. K. Zimmerman of Forest Park, Ill. The adult choir brought a message in song at both the morning and evening services. A time of fellowship was enjoyed at noon with a basket dinner. The offerings for the day amounted to \$830.94.

October began a new year for the CBY Fellowship at Bethany Church with these newly elected officers: Carol Herman, president; Frances Gabelmann, vice-president; Hazel Webster, secretary-treasurer; and Mr. and Mrs. Jack D. Wirth as sponsors. The theme for the year is "That I May Know Him Better."

Scripture Memory work also began with 33 memorizers enrolled. The sponsors are Mrs. Wendell Herman, chairman; Mrs. Mable Wirth, Mrs. Katherine Schulz, Mrs. Elfreda Felsburg, and Mrs. Rath Heller as helpers. Their project for the year is a tree with a light socket for each memorizer. Each child gets a bell on his "socket" when the first half of the Scripture verses is completed which ends at Christmas time. When all the verses are completed, a light bulb will be placed in the socket. May all of the children be shining lights for Christ as they feed on his Word!

Mrs. Jacob Stussy, Reporter.

## Atlantic Conference

### Successful Revival at the West Baltimore Baptist Church of Baltimore, Maryland

Rev. Herman Palfenier, evangelist for North American Baptist General Conference, held a successful revival, Nov. 4-11, at the West Baltimore Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland. Ten first-time decisions were made, and of these eight will be baptized shortly. Mr. Stanford Peck conducted a well-planned visitation program, using our new census results. Mr. Jacob Lang led the church in prayer by organizing two Saturday prayer-clocks and a pre-service prayer meeting.

On the last Sunday of the campaign, the church was filled in the morning with 134 present. In the evening (109 present), many rededicated their lives for more Christian service. We believe that our church will be a better tool in

God's hand as the result of the fine preaching and excellent visitation by our evangelist.

Rev. H. G. Laube, Pastor.

### Days of Revival With Rev. H. Palfenier at First Baptist Church, Jamesburg, New Jersey

We, of the First Baptist Church, Jamesburg, N. J., were privileged to have Rev. Herman Palfenier as evangelist during the days of Oct. 25 to Nov. 1. Each night was designated as a special night at which time particular emphasis was made to the group represented. The climax of the services was at the Sunday morning service. After Brother Palfenier had preached and given the invitation, nine young people and adults stepped out to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. This number was increased to 14 by the time the campaign was closed.

However, revival knows no closing date and since that time others have responded to God's invitation. After a time of instruction and preparation, we are looking forward to a great day of witness when these candidates and others who had previously made their commitment to Christ follow their Savior in baptism. We are praising God for his goodness and blessings and pray that we may be faithful in the work to which he has called us.

Roger W. Schmidt, Pastor.

## Southern Conference

### Harvest and Mission Festival at the Cottonwood Baptist Church Near Lorena, Texas

As we of the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas, entered our church on Sunday, Oct. 21, our hearts sang praises as we beheld the beautiful display on the platform of fruits and vegetables of all kinds, corn, oats, maize, millet, and nuts in profusion. The occasion was our Harvest and Mission Festival.

The program was under the direction of Mr. Charles Hansen, our Sunday School superintendent, and was given by the Elementary Department. It consisted of recitations, dialogues and musical numbers. The Junior girls and boys and Primary children presented the playlet, "Laborers in His Vineyard." The offering amounted to \$171.33. Rev. Howard Schenk, our pastor, who so faithfully leads us, brought a fitting message.

As a Sunday School we have promoted a "Keep the Board Clean" campaign which has helped our attendance very much. In spite of the drought in Texas, God has been really good to us. With so little rain, we can't understand how we made a fair crop, but we thank the Lord for it.

Mrs. Clifton Kraemer, Reporter.

### Annual Fellowship Supper of Southern Conference Men at the Cottonwood Baptist Church

The Southern Conference Baptist Men met at the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd for their annual fellowship supper. Fellowship and recreation, including pingpong, checkers, "Texas gusher," etc., began at 2:30 P.M. and continued until the evening meal. Delicious barbecued chicken was served by the host church to about 70 men present.

Mr. Milton Lippert, Southern Conference Baptist Men's president, presided at the inspirational service which began at 7:15 P.M. Following a sing-spiration Mr. Ray Engelbrecht, national Baptist Men's president, spoke briefly about future plans of the denominational organization encouraging all churches to organize a men's group.

Mr. Herman Balka of Dallas, Texas, then introduced Rev. W. L. McLean of Mexia, Texas, who was our guest speaker for the evening. Rev. Frank Armbruster closed the enjoyable evening with prayer.

The officers for Baptist Men of the Southern Conference, elected in July 1956, are as follows: Milton Lippert, president; A. R. Hoppe, vice-president; Donald Schmeltekopf, secretary; and Jerry Wedemeyer, treasurer.

Donald Schmeltekopf, Secretary.

## Eastern Conference

### Farewell and Welcome Receptions by the First Baptist Church of Neustadt, Ontario

On Sunday evening, Oct. 28, Rev. George A. McLean preached his farewell sermon at the Baptist Church, Neustadt, Ontario, which he served since 1949. After the evening service a social hour was held in the basement where Mr. and Mrs. McLean were presented with gifts of money from the Sunday School, CBY and members of the church. Mr. and Mrs. McLean spoke. Words of appreciation were brought by Mr. J. Schnurr, Ronald Helwig, Paul Dahms, Lynn Helwig, John Aitken, John Hammer, and Mrs. Weppler. Rev. and Mrs. George A. McLean will retire in Orillie, Ontario.

On November 4 following the evening service, the members and friends of the Neustadt Baptist Church attended a reception for Rev. and Mrs. Henry G. Ramus. John Schnurr, chairman of the Board of Deacons, was in charge of the program. Members of the various organizations brought words of welcome: Orlando Helwig representing the church; Mrs. J. Schnurr for the Senior Mission Society; Ronald Helwig for the Sunday School; Paul Dahms for the young people's organization; Moody Derbecker for the choir; and Phillis Voelkel for the Junior mission society.

In response, Rev. and Mrs. Henry G. Ramus expressed words of appreciation for the warm welcome. We as a church are very thankful that our prayers have been answered.

Reuben Hahn, Reporter.

### Ordination of Rev. Henry G. Ramus at First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ontario, Canada

Once again, within a few years' time, the First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ontario, has had the joy of ordaining one of its sons to the Gospel ministry. The candidate for ordination—Henry G. Ramus—is a recent graduate of our North American Baptist Seminary with the B.D. degree and of Sioux Falls College. Since his graduation last spring, he has been serving ably as assistant pastor of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, and is the pastor-elect of the Neustadt Baptist Church of Neustadt, Ontario.

Mr. Ramus met with a council of 19 representatives from eight churches of the Canada Central and Ontario Associations on Friday afternoon, Oct. 26th, at the First Baptist Church of Arnprior. Rev. Lawrence George of Killaloe was appointed moderator and Mr. Paul Weber of Killaloe as clerk of the council. Mr. Ramus presented his conversion experience, call to the ministry and his doctrinal statement in a clear and concise manner. The council, after their examination of the candidate, voted unanimously that the church proceed with the ordination.

The ordination service was held that same evening with the moderator presiding. Mr. Lynn Helwig, a deacon of the Neustadt church, read the Scripture and Mr. Gerald Kuehl, a deacon of the local church and a boyhood friend of Henry Ramus, led in prayer. The local church choir sang the anthem, "Praise Ye the Father." Dr. Martin L. Leuschner presented a challenging ordination message on the subject: "Called of God as a Minister," and commended Mr. Ramus on his excellent record thus far, expressing confidence that Mr. Ramus would make a good minister of the Gospel.

The charge to the candidate for ordination was given by Rev. W. R. Mackay of the Renfrew Baptist Church. Rev. Albert Eikenaar of the Almonte and Carleton Place Baptist Churches gave the charge to the church. He recognized members of the Neustadt Church who were present for the ordination by having them stand at this point in the service. The candidate's pastor, Rev. Walter Schmidt, offered the prayer of consecration with all Baptist ministers present participating in the laying on of hands.

Mrs. Henry Ramus was presented to the congregation and welcomed with her husband into the ministerial fellowship by Rev. Frank Stone of the Elgin Street Baptist Church of Arnprior. The moderator, Rev. L. George, read telegrams of congratulations to Mr. Ramus from the Oak St. Church of Burlington, Iowa, from Chaplain and Mrs. Leslie Albus and from Rev. and Mrs. Harold Heins. A gift of a pen and pencil set was presented to Mr. Ramus from the home church by a deacon, Mr. Emil Woermke. Rev. Henry Ramus closed the service with the benediction.

We rejoice that God has guided Rev. Henry Ramus to this high point in his life and our prayer is that God may give him a fruitful and long ministry. Walter Schmidt, Reporter.



Baptist ministers taking part in the ordination service of Rev. Henry G. Ramus at Arnprior, Ontario.

Left to right: W. R. Mackay, Lawrence George, M. L. Leuschner, Henry G. Ramus, Albert Eikenaar, Frank Stone, and Walter Schmidt.

### Tenth Anniversary Celebration of the Open Bible Tabernacle of Erie, Pennsylvania

During the entire month of November, the Open Bible Tabernacle (Polish Baptist) of Erie, Pa., celebrated the tenth anniversary of its founding. The church was started in 1946 by Rev. F. A. Kostanowski. He did quite a bit of visitation and soon had a group that rejoiced because they could finally meet together as a group to worship God in their own language.

Mr. John Zurn, a Christian business man, became interested in this work and purchased a building to be made into a church. God always has the right person for what he wants done. Mr. Kostanowski was not only a fine preacher of the Word, but a good carpenter and builder. He set about remodeling the building into a church and living quarters, and made the grounds around it much more attractive to see. After he had been there five years, God called him elsewhere, and our present pastor, Rev. R. A. Mikolon, came to us. Our church has grown since he has come. We now have a congregation that really loves God and we're going ahead seeking souls for the Savior.

We started our anniversary celebration with a visit from a group from the Polish Baptist Church of Buffalo, and had a stirring message from Miss Ruth Erb, Youth for Christ Bible Club director for Erie. On Wednesday, Nov. 7, Mrs. Warren Parker, of the Bible Clubs of Erie, gave us a flannelgraph message that brought the Bible closer to us. Starting Sunday, Nov. 11, we had Rev. J. A. Van Gorkom, who is a prophetic Bible teacher. On Nov. 18, Dr. Frank H. Woyke of the Baptist headquarters in Forest Park, Ill., spoke to us. On Thanksgiving Day and the day before, our former pastor, Mr. Kostanowski rejoiced with us in the work that he helped start. Rev. John Kaczowka, president of the Polish Baptist Conference, spoke to us, and a large group from Toronto, Chicago, Cleveland, Buffalo, and several other places were also here.

We have just had the privilege of being on television from Monday, Nov. 5, through Friday, Nov. 9. This has given us a wonderful opportunity to proclaim the Gospel of Christ to greater numbers and also to show some of the work of our church.

Mrs. Arthur Harrison, Reporter.

## Pacific Conference

### Ordination Council Examines Mr. Robert Palfenier of Tacoma, Washington, for Gospel Ministry

On Friday afternoon, Oct. 19, a council consisting of the churches of the Pacific Northwest Association convened at Spokane, Wash., called by the Calvary Church of Tacoma, Wash., to consider the qualifications of Robert Palfenier for the Gospel ministry. There were 18 delegates representing the following churches: Colfax, Odessa, Spokane, Startup, Tacoma, all of Washington; Missoula, Mont.; and Paul, Idaho. Rev. C. T. Remple of Missoula, temporary moderator, opened the meeting. Rev. John Broeder of Paul read 1 Timothy 3:1-13 which was followed by a ladies' trio. Rev. Robert Hess of Tacoma was elected chairman, and Rev. John Broeder as clerk.

Dr. Frank H. Woyke, our Executive Secretary, was invited to participate in the council. The letter which was sent out by the Calvary Church was read, after which Mr. Hess presented the candidate to the council. It was decided that the candidate read his paper in its entirety.

His paper dealt with his conversion, call to the ministry, educational preparation, and doctrinal statement. After some questioning the council went into executive session and declared itself well satisfied with the statements of the candidate. It recommended that the church proceed with the ordination of the candidate. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Dr. Woyke.

John Broeder, Clerk.





Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, shows the station wagon for use by "God's Volunteers" band to some friends at the back of the Forest Park headquarters building.

### Progress on New Edifice and Birthday Surprise at Bethel Church, Missoula, Montana

The Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, Mont., is making good progress in the building of its new church edifice. We razed our old building last May and began with the structure of our new edifice. Our old church had become much too small. We have enlarged our educational unit in the basement as well as on the ground level, and have recently started using part of it. We hope to have our new structure completed by Easter of 1957. We have had mostly volunteer labor donated to the cause of Christ and we praise God for people who are willing to sacrifice both time and money to further his work. Our people are united in their efforts and their spirit of giving is truly marvelous.

We surprised our pastor, Rev. C. T. Remple, on Sunday, Nov. 4th, by giving him a birthday gift of money and a program dedicated to him and his combined birthday-ordination anniversary. We held our regular Sunday evening service as usual, and afterwards the birthday celebration. Mr. Holman led us in singing the birthday song, and then he served as master of ceremonies for the fine program. Brother Remple was deeply touched, and for the first time since we have known him, he was speechless. He expressed his gratitude to God and to the people.

Mrs. Geraldine Noland, Reporter.

### Northern Conference

#### Missionary Rally for Alberta Churches in Edmonton With Ardice Ziolkowski Speaker

A great missionary opportunity was realized for our people in the area of Edmonton, Alberta. Some 14 churches, including our Christian Training Institute and Indian mission fields sponsored a missionary rally at the Al-

berta College Auditorium in Edmonton on November 8. Miss Ardice Ziolkowski of the Cameroons, West Africa, home on her first furlough, was the featured speaker.

People began gathering over an hour before starting time and filled the auditorium with an estimated 1100 persons present. In the front of the auditorium and below the platform sat the Wiesenthal Brass Band and the Mass Orchestra directed by Mr. Robert Neske. The band played before and after the service. The orchestra joined in with the song service and played the offertory. The platform was filled with the mass choir from the C.T.I. and the various churches.

Rev. E. Link led the singing and this choir in two missionary anthems. Miss Georgene Kern was at the concert piano. The chairman of the evening was Rev. E. P. Wahl. The Scripture selection was read by Rev. J. C. Kraenzler and Rev. T. J. Haire led in prayer. A selection in the German language was brought by the Immanuel Church Choir. Mrs. H. Hiller sang an appropriate solo, entitled "Others" by Arthur Penn.

### Ministry of "God's Volunteers" at Ebenezer, Springside, Fenwood and Yorkton, Saskatchewan

Miss Ardice Ziolkowski was introduced by her uncle, Rev. E. A. Hoffmann. Miss Ziolkowski expressed her joy at being able to be present at such a service, recalling that it was in this

same building, at a similar meeting, that she dedicated her life to God a decade ago. The missionary rally was closed with a consecration service. Young men and women came to the platform as a testimony of dedication, placing their lives in the guiding hand of God. The offering for our missionary work was \$606.31. We were thrilled by the spirit and public interest in missions expressed by this rally.

A. Lamprecht, Reporter.

Count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done." As "God's Volunteers" we certainly can say this as we look back upon another field of service in which we served from Oct. 24 to Nov. 11 in the eastern part of the Saskatchewan Association.

Leaving Edmonton on Oct. 22, we arrived in Ebenezer, Sask., just in time to take in the last day of the Saskatchewan Association. The evening service of Oct 24 was in charge of "God's Volunteers" and our director, Rev. F. Fuchs. From here we divided into three groups going into different areas. Mr. and Mrs. Orthner remained in the Ebenezer area, where Rev. Walter Hoffman is the pastor, to carry on the work of visitation evangelism. From all reports they were able to contact a good number of prospects and their prayer is that what they said or did might be the means of bringing many to a saving knowledge of Christ.

In the Yorkton Church, where Rev. Paul Galambos is the pastor, Bonnie Tesky and Katie Michelson were busy, conducting a canvass of the city, going from door to door, inviting people to accept Christ as their personal Savior. To the Fenwood area, of which Rev. E. Janzen is the pastor, and the Springside and West Ebenezer area, where Rev. B. Milner is the pastor, went Lu-Ella Wolff and Eunice Kern. They were able to contact a number of homes, and also do a lot of canvassing in both the towns of Fenwood and Springside. Even in this the presence of the Lord was felt.

In each of these three areas, we conducted evangelistic meetings varying from one to two weeks in length, during which many Christians rededicated their lives and others made their decisions for Christ. The entire group was able to participate in at least one of the meetings in each place, giving testimonies, special music and children's stories.

Also we were able to have two Children's Rallies, one in Yorkton and the other in Gorlitz near Ebenezer. This area is mostly Catholic and our prayer is that, since the Ebenezer Church is planning to begin a Sunday School out there, many of the people there might find Christ as their very own. Although our work on this field is completed, our prayer is that the evangelistic fires might not burn low but that the churches might continue in this work of winning the lost, for the harvest truly is great but the laborers are few.

Eunice Kern, Reporter.

### Dakota Conference

#### Revival Meetings, Church Extension Program and New Parsonage at Bismarck, North Dakota

The two weeks from Oct. 22 to Nov. 2. were of great spiritual blessing for the congregation of the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, North Dakota. Rev. C. H. Seecamp of Hebron, N. Dak., was our revival messenger and the Lord used him greatly in his ministry to us. Our people supported the meetings with much faithfulness. The church choir and other talented members contributed nightly to the glory of God. Several people came forward. Countless sought the prayer room. Some have expressed willingness to join the church. We are greatly strengthened in our faith.

On Sunday, Nov. 11, Rev. Martin De Boer of Fessenden, N. Dak., presented to us the Church Extension work at West Fargo, North Dakota. He also delivered helpful messages during the morning worship service, and the afternoon German meeting. The offering for God's cause in West Fargo amounted to \$300.

The work on the new church parsonage is progressing satisfactorily. Mr. Walter Melhoff, with Messrs. John Rauser and Adolph Haas assisting, is the responsible builder. Pray for our work here in Bismarck! The Lord's mercies are ever with us.

John E. Grygo, Pastor.

#### Revival Meetings and Mission Festival at First Baptist Church, McLaughlin, South Dakota

The First Baptist Church of McLaughlin, S. Dak., held its revival meetings from Oct. 29 to Nov. 9. Souls were spiritually enriched and uplifted as our pastor, Rev. Edwin Michelson, served as evangelist. Each message was heart-searching and the nearness of God's presence was felt by all who had receptive hearts. Each evening's program was carried out with members participating in leading the song

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service and choruses, reading scripture, and leading in prayer, giving the children's story and rendering special musical numbers.

There were no definite decisions for Christ, but there were several who had previously accepted Jesus as their Savior, who expressed their desire to heed the command for baptism and church membership. Even this has made these meetings very worth-while.

For our Harvest Mission Festival, Rev. A. E. Reeh of Eureka, S. Dak., was our guest speaker. He brought inspiring messages from God's Word. The platform was the scene of only a few of the many, many blessings received from the hand of God, including fruit, grain and vegetables. The total offering of the day was \$1,176.59, something else for which we had reason to sing praises to God and to give thanks to him!

Mrs. Argo Brockel, Reporter.

#### Celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of the First Baptist Church, Underwood, N. Dak.

The First Baptist Church, Underwood, N. Dak., celebrated its tenth anniversary on October 19 and 21. The festivities began on Friday evening with a fellowship dinner in the church basement served by our ladies and girls with approximately 135 people present.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of the "Baptist Herald," was our guest speaker. We enjoyed a fine program. Also a missionary film on Japan was shown by Dr. Leuschner which was a real challenge. On Sunday morning Dr. Leuschner spoke on "Chosen for God's Inheritance." We were wonderfully blessed by this sermon and grew stronger in the Lord as members and friends. The historical sketch was read and greetings from members and former members who are living elsewhere.

The evening service, the closing one, was held in the high school auditorium with about 200 people in attendance. Our neighboring churches of Washburn, Turtle Lake and Mercer were present and furnished music. The pastors brought words of greeting. Dr. Leuschner's message was "Inspiration Point of a Church's Anniversary." The mixed Choir, men's chorus and brass trio furnished music for the services.

The history of the First Baptist Church is the history of the Lord's dealing with his people of this area for over 50 years. The ministry of the Baptists in Underwood began in December 1903 with 13 families. Some of these families, before moving to Underwood, were living in the area of and were charter members of the country church, the First German Baptist Church near Washburn. One such member still living and charter member of the present church is Mr. C. C. Koenig.

The people gathered in the homes for their services until 1905 when under the leadership of Rev. August Liebig of McClusky, N. Dak., pastor of the area, they erected a church building costing \$1,200 and dedicated debt free. This building was used until 1950 when it was sold to the Grace Baptist Church, Minot, North Dakota.

The Underwood Church was a station of the Washburn Baptist Church until May 18, 1946 when it was organized with 41 charter members and named the First Baptist Church. For several months in 1946 Rev. Daniel Klein served the church and Mr. Lee Keck served as student pastor during the summer of 1947. The parsonage was built in 1947-48.

In January 1948 Rev. Fred J. Knalson began his ministry as the first pastor. The present church edifice was built in 1949-50 and dedicated in October 1950 debt free. A sum of over \$30,000 was raised for the parsonage and church. The present pastor, Richard A. Grenz, began his ministry on March 1, 1955. Since 1950 three young men have been called into the Gospel ministry, namely, Rev. Albert Jessor, Reuben Grueneich and James Schacher. Leo Strecker, Church Clerk.



The First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak., which recently celebrated its 10th anniversary and Rev. R. Grenz, pastor (right), and Dr. M. L. Leuschner, guest speaker (left) at the anniversary program.



## Mission Sunday and Evangelistic Meetings at the Berlin Baptist Church, Fredonia, North Dakota

The Berlin Baptist Church of Fredonia, N. Dak., stands on a small hill, miles from any city or town in the Dakota prairie. All around are the farms of the members and friends of the church. It's a friendly church of friendly people. The membership is about 100. They are all good singers, and it is a pleasure to sing with them or to lead the singing in church. Once a month the young people take over the evening service, and bring a fine program of music and discussion.

We also wish to report a fine Mission Sunday program on October 28. Rev. George Breitzkreuz of Lehr, N. Dak., brought special messages, and the members of the church responded with an offering of \$1,000 for our work. Then we continued with two weeks of evangelistic meetings in which Mr. Breitzkreuz served as evangelist. Mrs. Breitzkreuz also helped with stories for the children. God has blessed these services with a heart-searching time for the members, and the conversion of a man for whom we had prayed for many years. The members of the church also took care of the physical comfort of their pastor and his wife by installing an oil-furnace in the parsonage.

V. H. Prendinger, Pastor.

## Northwestern Conference

### Evaluation of Sunday School Materials Considered at Baptist Church, Randolph, Minnesota

The often repeated question, "What material is best suited to our Sunday School?" gave rise to what proved to be a most informative and worthwhile evening on Monday, Nov. 12, at the Baptist Church, Randolph, Minnesota. Our Sunday School superintendent, George Engler, together with the local pastor, Rev. Bert Itterman, made the necessary arrangements for a special meeting. This meeting was held to discuss Sunday School materials with representatives from the Sunday Schools of the Riverview, Dayton's Bluff, Faith and Minnetrista Baptist churches present.

Rev. John Ziegler of Appleton, Minn., a graduate of the 1956 class of our seminary, was the guest speaker. He is well qualified in dealing with the problem in that he has been in touch with our denominational Sunday School Committee regarding this matter, and he has also written a B.D. thesis after an extended study pertaining to the Sunday School material problem.

Along with the informal lecture and discussion, those present were able to evaluate materials from different publishers for themselves by studying the charts which had been prepared by Mr. Ziegler. From these charts it was clear to see which materials had a heavy stress on some Bible teaching, and only little at some other point. It became quite obvious

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Reports of conferences, youth assemblies, special meetings for groups of our churches—300 words.

why certain materials were not suited for our Baptist Sunday Schools. Following a fellowship lunch, a profitable discussion of materials was continued.

Mrs. Bert Itterman, Reporter.

### Pastor's Anniversary and Special Programs at Baptist Church, North Freedom, Wisconsin

Sunday, Sept. 2, marked the beginning of Rev. Richard Lawrenz's third year as pastor of the Baptist Church at North Freedom, Wisconsin. Under his faithful ministry of Bible teaching and preaching we, as a church, have received a real blessing. During the past two years 30 members were received through baptism. We had two evangelistic campaigns, the more recent of which was conducted by Rev. H. Palfenier from Sept. 9 to 16.

Our pastor's special interest in our spiritual growth is shown in the helpful messages on the Christian life and Christian living which he brings to us from God's Word at our mid-week prayer meetings and at both of our Sunday services. From October 15 through 22 Mr. Lawrenz conducted a Leadership Training Course for our Sunday School teachers and other church leaders.

We were privileged to have Mrs. Marilou McCully, the wife of Rev. Edward McCully, martyred South American missionary to the Acaus, in our church on October 18 for the 21st anniversary of our Tabitha Society. In words and colored pictures Mrs. McCully gave us a vivid description of their work among the natives of Ecuador. Rev. E. McCully was one of the attendants of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrenz's wedding. So, through our pastor's family, we have become deeply interested in the McCully's seemingly tragic experience on the mission field. However, after hearing Mrs. McCully's triumphant testimony, we realized that God makes no mistakes.

On September 30 we organized a Junior CBY which meets each Sunday evening before our regular service. Our Juniors are showing a real interest in their new organization.

Our Sunday School observed the annual Harvest Mission Festival on October 14 at which time we also had promotion exercises for the Primary Scholars graduating into the Junior Department. They were presented with Bibles from the Sunday School. We are working toward increased attendance in our Sunday School.

Mrs. Walter Wilzewske, Reporter.

## OBITUARY

(A charge of five cents a line is made for all obituaries, except for those of our pastors and their wives. Please limit the obituary notices to 150 words. Send them to the Editor, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.)

### MRS. GABBRAND JURRENS of George, Iowa.

Mrs. Henrietta Jurrens, nee Claassen, was born on April 23, 1870 in East Friesland, Germany. She was joined in marriage to Mr. Gabbrand Jurrens in May of 1890. Four years after their marriage they emigrated to the United States, and farmed in Lyon County, Iowa, until 1935 after which they retired to a country home near the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Jurrens were blessed with ten children of whom seven are still alive; three having preceded their mother in death as well as the husband, who died on November 17, 1948.

Mr. and Mrs. Jurrens were members of a Baptist church while still in Germany. Mrs. Jurrens was converted and baptized in 1893; and at their settling in America she and her husband became members of the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa, where both were members until they died.

Mrs. Jurrens passed away on November 4, 1956 in the home of her son, Ed. Jurrens, in George, Iowa. She leaves to mourn her departure her seven children: Etta (Mrs. Jacob Kruse) of George, Iowa; Everett of Ellsworth, Minn.; George and Henry of Rock Rapids, Iowa; Ed. Jurrens, and Anna (Mrs. John H. DeBoer) of George, Iowa; and Franklin of Austin, Minnesota. There are also left to mourn her decease, 27 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, with a great host of neighbors and friends. The members of the First Baptist Church join their pastor in expressing their deep sympathy to the bereaved in the loss of their loved one. May the God of all comfort be the main stay and strength to those who sorrow because of this great loss.

First Baptist Church,  
George, Iowa

JOHN REIMER, Pastor.

### MRS. SUSIE BROCHAT of Cathay, North Dakota.

Mrs. Susie Brochat of Cathay, N. Dak., was born in Rumania on Jan. 19, 1888. She was the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rode. She had four sisters and two brothers. One sister, Mary Broneske, preceded her in death in 1951 and the rest now live in East Germany. She received her education in Rumania and came to this country in 1910. On September 20, 1910 she was married to Albert Brochat in the German-town Baptist Church of North Dakota. They lived on a farm in that area until 1933, when they moved to Cathay, N. Dak.

In the winter of 1912 she was converted and baptized by the late Rev. William L. Wahl in the Germantown Baptist Church. While living in that community, she took an active part in the Woman's Missionary Society and in church work. Since moving to Cathay, Grandma Brochat has been noted for her beautiful flower garden, even though she had been in poor health for many years. Prior to her death she spent seven weeks in the Carrington Hospital, where she passed away Monday evening, November 12, 1956 at the age of 68 years, 9 months and 24 days. She is survived by her husband, Albert; and one son, Herbert, of Cathay; four grandchildren: Robert with the Armed Forces; James of Valley City, N. Dak.; Betty, attending school in Minneapolis, Minn.; Lynn at home; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held on Nov. 16 in the Cathay Baptist Church, with the pastor, Rev. David Zimmerman, in charge. A ladies' duet and a male quartet rendered vocal selections and the pastor spoke on: "The Love of God," based on 1 John 4:7-8, 16 and 19. May the Comforter console all of her loved ones and challenge them so to live, here and now, that some day there may be a great reunion.

Cathay, North Dakota

DAVID ZIMMERMAN, Pastor.

### MR. CARL OLSON of Bismarck, North Dakota.

Mr. Carl Olson of Bismarck, N. Dak., was born February 5, 1891, in Chicago, Illinois. Having lost his parents by death in his early youth, he was reared by foster parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hildenbrand, Lehr, North Dakota. He attended schools there and on October 28, 1911, married Miss Lydia Hildenbrand. They farmed in the vicinity of Lehr until 1944, when they moved to Bismarck, North Dakota. The Lord blessed them with five sons: Henry, Walter, Elmer, William, and Raymond. A daughter preceded her father in death.

At the age of 18, he became a child of God, and after having been baptized by Rev. H. Benz, he was welcomed into the Rosenfeld Baptist Church, now united with the Lehr congregation. Upon coming to Bismarck, Mr. and Mrs. Olson joined the Bismarck Baptist Church. Our brother was very faithful in church attendance. He also served the church as trustee.

On Tuesday morning, Oct. 23, 1956, after suffering a heart attack, he went home to be with his Lord. Funeral services were held in the Bismarck Baptist Church with pastors E. Broeckel and John E. Grygo officiating, and in the First Baptist Church of Lehr, pastors G. Breitzkreuz and E. Broeckel ministering. Burial services were conducted in the Rosenfeld Cemetery, near Lehr, North Dakota.

Our sympathy and prayers are offered again for Mrs. Carl Olson and her sons. "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Bismarck, North Dakota

JOHN E. GRYGGO, Pastor.

### MR. ADOLPH VILHAUER of Loyal, Oklahoma.

Mr. Adolph Vilhauer of Loyal, Okla., son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Vilhauer, was born on a farm near Avon, S. Dak., on June 21, 1883. He was the youngest child in a family of 15 children. In 1895 he moved with his parents to Oklahoma. On June 15, 1903 he was united in marriage to Rachel Lorenz. This union was blessed with eight children—six daughters and two sons. He was a kind, loving husband and father and provided well for his family.

His health began to fail in the last year; nevertheless he was active until his last days. Everything physically possible had been done to restore his health but while a patient at the General Hospital at Enid the Lord called him to his heavenly home. He had reached the age of 73 years, 4 months and 9 days. He had served his Lord and Master for the past 30 years and had been a faithful member of the Immanuel Baptist Church until his departure on October 30.

Remaining to mourn his passing are his wife and the following children: Orlena (Mrs. Paul Stauda of Oklahoma City), Priscilla (Mrs. Carl Wehrenberg of Kingfisher), Carrie (Mrs. Charles Pavlu of Okeene), Berniece (Mrs. Elmer Fisher of Okeene), Rufus and Norman of Loyal, and Lauretta and Cecealian of the home. Also remaining are four brothers: Adam of Avon, S. Dak.; Fred of Milwaukee, Wis.; Jake of Long Beach, Calif.; and August of Parsons. Also 2 sisters remain, Mrs. Carrie Sellen of Darwin, Minn.; and Mrs. Lizzie Betz of Avon, S. Dak., together with 22 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Eleon L. Sandau on November 2, 1956 and he was laid to rest at the Lorenz Cemetery.

Immanuel Baptist Church,  
Loyal, Oklahoma

ELEON L. SANDAU, Pastor.

### MRS. LYDIA KARY of Hanna, Alberta.

Mrs. Lydia Kary, nee Fischer, of Hanna, Alta., was born in Friedricksfeld, South Russia, on August 22, 1885 and passed to her eternal home on Oct. 31, 1956. In 1902 she was united in marriage with Michael Kary with whom she shared the joys and sorrows of life for more than 54 years. Eleven children were born to this union.

### OBITUARIES

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Three preceded their mother in death in their infancy.

In 1907 Mrs. Kary and her family migrated to America and settled on a farm near Harvey, North Dakota. In 1910 the family moved to Canada to take up a homestead near Veteran, Alberta. In 1926 the family again moved to a farm near Craigmyle, Alberta. In the last few years she lived with her husband in retirement in Hanna, Ill. health, which necessitated constant nursing care, made it necessary for her to enter the Haven of Rest Home in Medicine Hat where for the last four months she received constant care in the hospital division of the Home.

While still a young woman she accepted Christ Jesus as her personal Savior and upon confession of her faith was baptized by Rev. Christ Weisser and received into the Baptist Church of Castor. In recent years she had been a member of the Hand Hill Baptist Church near Craigmyle.

She leaves to mourn her passing: her husband, Michael Kary, who with great love and much patience cared for her through her long and tiring illness; and the following children: Frances (Mrs. Oscar Peitsch), Detroit, Mich.; John of Delia; Ronald of Olds; Edward of Cleveland, Ohio; Joe of Nelson, B.C.; Michael of Marion, New York; Ben of Olds; and Harold of Edson; also 26 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Rev. Rudolf Milbrandt, a personal friend of the family, brought words of comfort in the German language based on the Word of God found in Genesis 5:24. Rev. Klassen from Hanna spoke in the English language. The entire family joins in sincere thanks and appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy.

Hanna, Alberta, Canada

EDWARD KARY, One of Her Sons.

### MR. TED A. HINZMAN of Lodi, California

Mr. Ted A. Hinzman of Lodi, Calif., was born January 20, 1880 in South Dakota. On April 23, 1919 he was united in marriage with Elsie McBride, and about a year later they came to Lodi where Mr. Hinzman went into the insurance business. He left this business in 1931 and was employed by the Missouri Pacific Railroad, retiring in 1945. Early in 1952 he underwent surgery which revealed the presence of cancer in the lower jaw and in the neck. It was this disease which resulted in his death on Monday, November 5, 1956 at the age of 76.

As a boy Mr. Hinzman accepted Christ as his personal Savior, and in 1896 was baptized by the Rev. Schultz into the fellowship of the Baptist Church at Danzig, South Dakota. When he came to Lodi he was united with the First Baptist Church here, and became a charter member of the Temple Baptist Church when it was organized in 1948.

During his illness Mr. Hinzman found much comfort in his Christian faith, and often stated that if it were not for that faith he would not be able to bear the intense pain which was part of his disease. Although prevented from attending the services as often as he desired, nevertheless, he found much encouragement and comfort in the Bible and in prayer.

Due to his great love for his granddaughter, Gail, who is a cerebral palsy child, he was intensely interested in the plight of

all such children. He gave of his time and money and strength in an unselfish manner in order to help such children, and it was largely due to his interest and efforts that the Peter Pan School for mentally retarded children was established in Lodi. It will long remain as a tribute to his loving and unselfish spirit.

Those whose hearts are bereaved at his passing are his wife, Elsie; his daughter, Mrs. Shirley Feikert; three grandchildren, Gail, Gary and Susan Feikert; one brother, E. W. Hinzman of Eagle Butte, S. Dak.; two sisters, Mrs. M. E. Hebner of Bristow, Neb., and Mrs. L. L. Brokofsky of Lodi, and many other relatives and friends.

Temple Baptist Church,  
Lodi, California

ROBERT SCHREIBER, Pastor.

### MRS. CHRISTINE HOFFMAN of Fredonia, North Dakota.

After a long illness Mrs. Christine Hoffman, nee Miller, of Fredonia, N. Dak., was called to her heavenly home October 7, 1956, and was buried in the Berlin Baptist Cemetery. Rev. G. G. Rauser of Lodi, Calif., and Rev. George Breitzkreuz of Lehr, N. Dak., assisted in the service.

Mrs. Hoffman was born January 6, 1880 in Glueckstal, South Russia. In her early youth she came to North Dakota. Here she accepted the Lord and was baptized in May 1896 by Rev. J. Reichert, and was a faithful member of the Berlin Baptist Church until her death. She was married to John Wolf in 1897 who preceded her in death in 1914. Then she married Wilhelm Hoffman, who also died two years ago. Since then Mrs. Hoffman, who was an invalid, stayed with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. Fry.

Survivors include ten sons: Christ, J. Wolf, John and Fred Hoffman, all of Fredonia, N. Dak.; Carl Wolf, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Fred Wolf, Billings, Mont.; Albert Wolf, Portland, Ore.; Ephraim Wolf and Albert Hoffman of Oakland, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. Lydia Fey of Fredonia, N. Dak.; also three sisters: Mrs. Reka Bitner, Lehr, N. Dak.; Mrs. Tillie Hall, Lodi, Calif.; and Mrs. Magdalena Schwartzwalder, Reader, N. Dak.; a brother, John A. Miller, Lehr, N. Dak.; a half-brother, Sam Miller, Stockton, Calif.; 18 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Berlin Baptist Church,  
Fredonia, North Dakota

V. H. PRENDINGER, Pastor.

### MRS. EMMA HEER of McKenzie, North Dakota.

Mrs. Emma Heer, nee Walter, of McKenzie, N. Dak., was born October 3, 1893, in Herried, South Dakota. Her parents moved to Linton, N. Dak., during her childhood. There she received her school training.

On July 3, 1921, she was united in holy matrimony with Mr. Jacob Heer. There in the neighborhood of Linton, Mr. and Mrs. Heer farmed nearly 25 years, and after having resided in Linton for a year, they moved to McKenzie, North Dakota. The Lord blessed their union with one daughter, now Mrs. John R. Maier, Bismarck, North Dakota.

Mrs. Heer accepted the Lord as her personal Savior during her 15th year, and after following him in baptism, joined the First Baptist Church, Linton, North Dakota. Since her residence in McKenzie, her husband and she have been most loyal to the Lord's work at the Bismarck Baptist Church.

During the last two years Mrs. Heer was afflicted with the leukemia malady. She bore her troubles with much fortitude and no complaints. On September 14, 1956, the Lord called her unto himself. Four days later funeral services were held in the Bismarck Baptist Church; pastors John E. Grygo and Edward Parker of McKenzie officiating. Interment took place in the Linton Cemetery.

Again we are committing Mr. Jacob Heer, his daughter, Mrs. Maier, and two sons of previous marriage, to the comforting blessings of our Lord. "We sorrow not, even as others which have no hope."

Bismarck, North Dakota

JOHN E. GRYGGO, Pastor.



# Statistics of Our Churches, 1956 - North American Baptist General Conference

Conferences	Churches	Baptisms	Church Members	Local Expenses	Gifts for Our Mission Fields	Gifts for Other Mission Societies	Total Gifts for All Mission Purposes	Total Gifts for All Purposes	Sunday Schools	S. S. Scholars	Teachers and Officers	Woman's Miss. Soc.		CBY Groups	
												Societies	Members	Societies	Members
Atlantic .....	23	180	4097	\$ 278,134.00	\$ 33,100.00	\$ 74,709.00	\$107,809.00	\$ 385,943.00	23	3140	438	34	1003	30	572
Central .....	33	373	8441	726,714.17	93,797.01	89,710.09	183,507.10	910,221.27	34	7876	851	50	1602	47	1000
Dakota .....	58	267	7215	405,251.48	111,024.86	13,196.73	124,221.59	529,473.07	69	7315	909	78	1490	73	1439
Eastern .....	18	79	2598	113,610.32	21,587.03	6,952.18	28,539.21	142,149.53	17	1676	217	23	639	18	397
Northern .....	53	353	8009	363,328.86	62,330.46	21,449.78	83,780.24	447,109.10	58	6124	808	48	1294	51	1869
Northwestern .....	37	228	6273	369,589.21	83,845.20	44,633.99	128,479.19	498,068.40	35	5228	571	61	1636	64	1160
Pacific .....	35	327	7735	660,232.43	86,099.03	25,503.98	111,603.01	771,835.44	35	6752	867	41	1609	46	1133
Southern .....	12	40	1203	58,293.33	15,834.05	4,726.08	20,560.73	78,853.46	12	1269	146	10	217	13	352
Southwestern .....	25	139	2653	143,970.55	53,626.35	9,217.34	62,843.69	206,814.24	27	2475	421	30	699	30	446
Totals .....	294	1986	48224	\$3,119,124.35	\$561,243.99	\$290,099.17	\$851,343.16	\$3,970,467.51	310	41855	5228	375	10189	372	8368
Last Year .....	288	2044	47319	3,318,993.74	575,305.52	271,388.42	846,693.94	4,165,687.68	304	40379	4923	375	9694	375	8475
Total Increase ....	6		902			\$ 18,710.75	\$ 4,649.22		6	1475	305		495		
Total Decrease ....		58		\$ 199,869.38	\$ 14,061.53			\$ 195,220.17						3	107

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